



EAC MEETING MINUTES

October 6th, 2021- 6:00 pm held virtually

1. Call to Order

The October 6, 2021 meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm with the following individuals in attendance. This meeting was held virtually.

Scott McCartney	Member
Brian Hutchinson	Member
Joanne Walker	Member
Erica Antoine	Member
Tom Alvarez	Associate Member
Sandra Zadell	Township Manager
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Martha Simelaro	Commissioner
Deanna Logan	Administrative Assistant

Jon West and Commissioner Denise Hull were absent

Faith & Ken Keiser, residents joined on the call and are interested in any Township issues and parks.

2. Minutes September 1, 2021

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Walker, and seconded by Mr. McCartney, the minutes of September 1, 2021 were unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

a. Initiatives

i. Environmental Education and Outreach

1. Potential programming with Parks & Rec for Spring Newsletter

A meeting was held at the end of August between Leigha Getty and Heidi Lucas to discuss Spring programming. Ms. Weaver will connect with Mrs. Getty and give a report next month. Mrs. Walker will write an article for the next newsletter to include events such as the salt watch, Arbor Day and tree sale events. Arbor Day will be held at the Township on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Mr. Alvarez reached out to Octoraro Nursery with our order for Arbor Day. We will have 60 trees that Township staff will have to water prior to the sale. Ms. Weaver will be the Octoraro contact for invoicing. He suggested getting some signage for the types of trees available and a pamphlet on native trees and plantings. Mrs. Antoine suggested giving out tags with how to care for the purchased tree

Mrs. Walker will draft newsletter article. She will also look for free pamphlets for handouts of native trees and plantings. Other advertising for the event will be in the newsletter, social media, website

2. Carnival and Fall Fest tabling and outreach

Feedback from Carnival – Staff reported that rocks were needed to hold stuff down as it was windy. Have candy at table to entice kids to come by and also have a clipboard available.

Mrs. Walker will contact a neighbor who hand paints rocks

Fall Fest

Mrs. Walker and Mr. McCartney will staff the table from 11 am – 1 pm

Mrs. Antoine and Mr. Hutchinson will staff the table from 1 pm – 3 pm

Mr. West will do set up and break down

3. Social Media Blasts

Ideas for future blasts – salt watch, leaves, clearing stormwater inlets, fertilizer information, lawn conversions

Mrs. Zadell said UGT won an award from Governor Wolf for Stormwater Excellence for the work on the Wissahickon Trails Project

- ii. Tree City/Birdtown
 - 1. Ordinance Discussion

Marley Bice from the MCPC is reviewing the ordinance.

- iii. Watershed Friendly Property Program

This was advertised during Carnival and will be again at Fall Fest. This may be a possible pilot program for 2022

- iv. Renewable/Sustainable Energy

4. New Business

- i. Native Tree Sale and Plant Cutting Exchange
- ii. Future Workshops

Rain Barrel workshop with possible expansion to include composting

How to build a raised garden bed

Ms. Weaver will get additional information from the Perkiomen Watershed regarding additional workshops

Announcement - Feb 26, 2022 is the virtual EAC Conference. Mrs. Walker is on the planning committee

October 20th – Bux-Montco EAC Event – Mrs. Antoine is attending

iii. Merck Building 63 Land Development Review

Mrs. Walker said there is a standard request of all plantings be native species. She questioned whether “approved Upper Gwynedd ground cover” includes native species.

The committee has a question and a comment for Merck that will be placed on a separate memo.

- Use of green infrastructure planning
- Using solar on new construction
- Comment regarding TS Ida

Ms. Weaver said we have a master agreement with Merck regarding site wide stormwater. It takes into account all existing stormwater facilities and capacity that Merck currently has. Green and solar planning is not specific to the agreement. If Merck runs out of capacity, then new BMP's will be put in place.

Mr. Alvarez commented that Merck has a green pilot program on one of the roofs and are developing a plan for future on site solar use.

Wheatley Walk, 779-783 Sumneytown Pike Land Development review

The Township Engineer review letter answered most of the committee's questions. Two additional comments include; to consider incorporating renewable energy feature and to consider leaving any dead trees for habitats and plant new native species.

5. Liberty Bell Trail Study Advisory Committee

There is an Open House at UGT on October 7th at 6:30 pm. There is also a virtual “meeting room” that will be live.

Michael Baker will have a table at this event and at Fall Fest

6. Township Manager's Report

Ms. Weaver will take over the EAC meetings next month and Mrs. Zadell will check in periodically.

7. Upcoming Workshops and Events

October 15 – WIP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at WWTP at 1 pm

October 16 - Fall Fest

October 20 - Bux Mont EAC

February 26 - EAC virtual conference

8. Adjournment

Mrs. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. McCartney the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Next Meeting November 3, 2021 @ 6 pm

Action Items

- Ms. Weaver will get an answer regarding returning UGT Recycling Bins
- Mrs. Walker will draft a newsletter article. She will also look for free pamphlets for handouts of native trees and plantings
- Ms. Weaver will get additional information from the Perkiomen Watershed regarding additional workshops
- Mrs. Walker will contact her neighbor about hand painted rocks for the event display table