

**Borough of Doylestown**

**Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, February 20th**

**Attendance: Steve Rubenstein, Joe Wallace, George Mullikin, Michael Moscherosch, Kristin Winters, Karyn Hyland.** Guests: Wendy Margolis

- 1) **Call to Order:** Michael Moscherosch called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** George Mullikin made a motion to approve the January minutes as drafted. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- 3) **New Business:**

**Eagle Scout Project - Chubb Drive**

Local scout working toward Eagle Scout project brought the EAC his plans to create a veterans memorial park along South Chubb Drive within the Maplewood Neighborhood. He came to the EAC looking for environmental / planning recommendations. Kristin W suggested use / contact of local nurseries for plant material. Steve R mentioned the importance of using native plants for local wildlife. Wendy M suggested speaking with Maplewood Garden association before going any further. The council explained that maintenance is a large part of long term project success. Karyn H pointed out there is no curb on site, which is a great opportunity to capture stormwater. Kristin W suggested marking utilities before digging. After advice was given Michael M signed off on the project.

**EAC Reorganization**

Two spots open for EAC positions, interviews currently in progress

Michael M. to operate as council chair for one year.

Kristin W to operate as secretary.

Joe W to operate as vice chair.

All position changes approved by unanimous vote,

**Trash Haulers**

The council suggests amending how trash hauling is presented on Borough website. Suggested that a list of local trash haulers is created for residents in an attempt to educate residents on environmental and business practices of each company. Kristin W suggested using google documents for brainstorming & drafting questions. Joe W to set up google documents page and share with EAC. The group decide to get questionnaire together by next meeting.

**Restaurant Week**

After Kristin W reached out to the Kiwanis, they made it clear they were not going to ask Doylestown restaurants about interest in further environmental initiatives, and that such action is up to EAC. Businesses divided between EAC members to visit and ask if owners are interested in participating in future environmental initiatives. Karyn to send out completed list to EAC. If businesses are interested Kristin W suggested getting manager's information for follow-up contact. Council aims to have 10% of businesses on board by April 2018.

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**Birdtown**

Steve R asked if EAC was still interested in working with Birdtown, council affirms commitment to native birds, plantings, etc. Council questioned how to get the word of Birdtown events to Doylestown residents. Kristin W suggested using Facebook. Steve lets council know there is a Birdtown summit March 17th, to which George M volunteered to go.

**Basin & Planting Maintenance**

Karyn H mentioned that public works is asking for guidance on basin maintenance (located at Public Works facility in the Borough). When new parking garage was built lots of impervious surface introduced, all stormwater runoff piped to public works with a modified basin. This was only a temporary solution as the basin was built, but is not being maintained. Public works is asking the EAC for guidance on what plants to pull and what plants to keep in basin. Michael M suggested connecting master gardeners with public works for volunteer hours. Kristin W suggested a multi-season field trip to get a sense of what is growing. Karyn to send an email to public works to schedule a walkthrough.

**Rain Gardens**

EAC decides on March 24th go out to site of ambulance core rain gardens (8a) to check on gardens and see state of plantings to be weeded.

**4) Old Business:**

**5) Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm by common consent.

**6) Next Meeting:** The next EAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 20th at 7:30pm in the Doylestown Borough Hall.