

Falls EAC Meeting May 12, 2022

Attendance

EAC members

Present: Phil McAloon, Eileen Donahue, Jeannine Delwiche, Wes Plaisted, Erik Person, David Walsh, John Bentz

Absent: none

Others present: Ed Pullen, Erin Mullen

Meeting Called to order: 6:59pm

Minutes: April 14, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved (7 yeas)

ITEM #1: PLAN REVIEWS

2300 S Pennsylvania: There is concern that there may be issue with flooding given proximity to the flood plain and near Biles Island. Has the flow through Biles Creek been considered? Note that "100-year flood height" is met 2-3 per year. There is a concern that with repeated flooding, the building will be abandoned. This building is going to be lower than the Solvay Plant, which has already been abandoned. Wes will contact Jim Jones and cc: Erin.

Why is shade tree commission receiving plans when we are not?

Shade tree commission looked at a plan 1 hour ago for Waste Management preliminary and final plans for renewable gas plans.

Also on the Planning Commission agenda for May 24 is the expansion of the control building for the Morrisville Municipal Authority. We saw initial but were not sent the final. Why are we not receiving these? Wes will follow up with Jim Jones and the Township.

ITEM #2: COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Gardner waitlist is down to 2 gardeners. There is some concern that not all plots will be planted by June. TruMark Financial Credit Union donated a rake, gloves, and 5 packs of aviation snips. Phil exchanged the snips for 2 nozzles.

Pennsbury has decided against using a plot.

ITEM #3: FALLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CONCERNS

None

ITEM # 4: GOAL/LOCAL EAC ACITIVITES UPDATE

Upper Makefield EAC meeting had Master Gardeners and Watershed Stewards presenting for MS4. They were advocating "live staking" with native species. This prevents erosion of the banks.

Wes will reach out to them and see if they will present to us.

Eileen will reach out and try to get the name of the Master Gardeners.

Banks by the community park would be a good place.

Not all property owners are receptive. There are open areas owned by Falls.

These people will help with the entire process

Snipes Farm just did this on Jordan's Creek along their farm.

Live staking might be a good Earth Day activity. We might be able to involve a school group or scout troop.

ITEM #5: EARTH DAY 2022

April 23rd, 11am-2pm at Core Creek Park. Plans remained unchanged from February meeting.

Gave away 50 tomatoes and peppers Fairless Hills Garden Center.

Chip's broccoli and kale were also taken.

The spotted lantern fly trap was popular and much of that literature was taken.

Erin will get color copies for us.

ITEM #6: IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTERS

Ideas for Fall/Winter newsletter

- For Fall 2022: Leave leaves in place for pollinators. Eileen will email.
- For Spring/Summer 2023: Natural alternatives to insecticides (Wes has looked up) Spring 2023

ITEM #7: MS4 CONSIDERATIONS

No updates. Wes has not heard from Jim Jones.

ITEM #8: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

- Meeting minutes for 2022 now available online
- Rose is aware we now plan to meet Year round
- Erin shared status of Falls Township Municipal Building refurbishment. Phil would like to see efforts for going greener. The committee would like to see the Township go greener with their buildings and fleet.

New Business

- Rich pointed out that June 9 is the same date as the Pennsbury Graduation. He will not be able to send a representative if we hold our meeting. Jeannine will not be able to attend
 - Committee voted unanimously to cancel the Jun 9 meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 14 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02pm