

Falls EAC Meeting April 11, 2024

Attendance

EAC members

Present: Erik Person, Jeannine Delwiche, Jairus James, Jonathan Manderack, Wes Plaisted

Absent: Suzanne Sabo

Others present: Anthony Montonario

Meeting Called to order: 6:33 pm

ITEM #1: PLAN REVIEWS

- M-Y Lane, Morrisville, PA. Proposed construction of a 20,000 sq. ft warehouse for a phased bio-char manufacturing site
 - Requested variances include:
 - Not requiring a curb along the driveway to allow stormwater to sheet across the site
 - Not require street trees along Route 13 or Route 1 as there is existing vegetation along both highways
 - Permit 81% disturbance of woodlands instead of the allowable 50% as the woodland disturbance is located primarily at the only available site access point
 - Permit 81% removal of existing trees instead of the allowable 50% as the woodland disturbance is located primarily at the only available site access point
 - Concern around allowing woodland disturbance and tree removal without proposed remediation or compensation. Voted (5 yea, 0 nay) to send letter recommending that waivers not be grants around woodland disturbance and tree removal.
- Falls Township Fire Co. #1 310 Yardley Ave, Levittown. Proposed building additions to increase the building area.
 - Requested variances include:
 - Not requiring a curb along parking spaces to avoid altering existing drainage pattern
 - Not requiring curb panting islands which would eliminate existing parking spaces
 - Not installing trees in parking or street trees which would impact entrance and exit of fire trucks
 - Not requiring a lighting plan as no additions were planned
 - No concerns were expressed
- 980 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills. Proposed building addition.
 - Requested variances include:
 - Allowing 4 proposed street trees instead of the required 13
 - Concern around reducing required trees from 13 to 4. Voted (5 yea, 0 nay) to send letter recommending that the waiver not be granted for reducing the number of street trees.

ITEM #2: REORGANIZATION

- The following slate was accepted (5 yea, 0 nay)
 - Chair – Jon Manderack
 - Vice chair – Erik Person
 - Secretary – Jeannine Delwiche
 - Treasurer – Jairus Jones

ITEM #3: FALLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CONCERNS

- None

ITEM #4: LOCAL EAC ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- Langhorne:
 - The Langhorne Borough Shade Tree Commission will be hosting an Arbor Day Celebration April 27 at the Community Park located at The Richardson House, 102 W Maple Ave, Langhorne, PA 19047
- Morrisville:
 - Snipes Farm is hosting a PA Native Plant and World Bee Event on Saturday May 18th and Morrisville EAC is to have a table there to share information about the MEAC and community initiatives taking place. They would like to know if the Falls EAC be interested in having a table as well at the event?
- LMT:
 - On April 2, a documentary film on winter bird migration filmed on all seven continents using in-flight cameras was shown at the Historic Newtown Theatre

ITEM #5: EARTH DAY 2024

- Earth Day 2024 is on April 22
- Bucks County Audubon Society: April 13, 10am-3pm
- Core Creek Park: April 27, 11am-2pm
 - Erik submitted application for table at Core Creek Park
 - Sherwood Seeds will donate plants again; Suzi will pick up and bring to event
 - Jonathan is continuing to follow-up with Fairless Hills Garden Center with donation request in person and will pick up and bring to the event
 - Jeannine will bring good scissors to separate plants, pop-up tent, 2 chairs, and banner
 - Other members of EAC will bring their own chairs
 - Jairus will bring Bird Town brochures about native plants
 - Wes will bring print out of insect repellent plants

ITEM #6: IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTERS

- For Spring/Summer 2025:
 - Bat Box and Bat Fun Facts. Jon will draft something with Jairus
- For Fall/Winter 2025:
 - The impact of nighttime lights on migrating birds

ITEM #7: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 14, 2024 minutes were approved (4 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain)

ITEM #8: OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

- Bird Town PA
 - The Bird Town statement on the Falls EAC webpage was updated to reflect the current advised language
 - The EAC members approved the motion to recommend the Bird Town resolution to the Supervisors (5 yea, 0 nay)

- Jon will send the Jeannine; Jeannine will send to the supervisors for consideration
- The extensive dumping off Trenton Ave behind the Auto Zone was determined to be LMT, not Falls. Jeannine let the LMT EAC know.

New Business

- Jeannine will share EAC social media access with Jairus
- Supervisor John Palmer asked if the EAC would be willing to coordinate efforts to address trash and dumping in Falls Township
 - More interested in prevention than clean up, such as:
 - Adopting better recycling containers
 - Better regulating the trash falling from trucks delivering to the landfill
 - The members will extend an invitation to Supervisor Palmer come next month to discuss his vision
- Snipes Farm Event, PA Native Plant and World Bee Event, Saturday May 18th
 - The members approved a motion to attend this event
 - Jeannine will approach Sherwood Seeds about the possibility of distributing native plant seeds
 - Jairus, Jeannine, Wes will definitely attend; Erik and Suzi might

Next meeting: Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm at 450 Lincoln Highway (the Social Security Building)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 pm