

1/18/23 Buckingham EAC Meeting Minutes

Present: A. Strout, D. Robb, D. Smith, J. Walter, Ruth Foster

Absent: S. Yerkes

Visitors: Stephanie Weisser, Margaret Lindenmayer

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes. The minutes for the November meeting were approved unanimously. As there was no meeting in December, there were no December minutes.

On-going business

- Landscape practices and the watershed. Since the November meeting, Karen Ogden (BCCD) has applied for a grant to develop educational materials for the landscaping trade, the chamber of commerce and other interested parties on proper landscaping practices in riparian areas. Grants will be awarded in April.
- Neshaminy Greenway Trail. Updates to this project include movement of the trail placement to 30 feet away from the creek, completion of an environmental impact study and indigenous peoples artifact evaluation. Several "old growth" trees have been saved but the width of the trail remains at 10 feet, not counting shoulders. Results of the public comment period are pending.
- Single-use plastics. A meeting with township manager Dana Cozza is scheduled for February 1, 2023 on another issue; if time permits, this issue will also be raised to see if the survey can be sent out.
- Ready for 100 (RF100). A transition plan meeting is to be held February 1, 2023 with the township manager, Maggie, Andrea and Henry Alexander, who is part of Paula Kline's Community Energy Strategic Planning (CESP) series.
- Tree grants. A grant submission was made to the 10 Million Trees program for 250 trees for the township. By mid-February we should know how many trees will be received; the trees should arrive in March. Andrea will work with Erica Inman of CB East to see if we can get students to help with planting. Don brought an extensive list of the HOAs in the township, a plan on how to approach these organizations to gauge their interest in tree grants aimed at private citizens.
- Township website. Andrea is developing the seasonal tips for winter. Jim has a list of prohibited plants for publication on the township website when the "Helpful Page" is up and running.
- The following were agreed as priorities for 2023:
 - Communication and outreach to include seasonal tips
 - Tree planting
 - Native plant sale

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Smith, Secretary and Vice Chair