

## 9/20/23 Buckingham EAC Meeting Minutes

**Present:** D. Robb, A. Strout, D. Smith, L. Mein, M. Rash, J. Walter

**Absent:** R. Foster, S. Yerkes

**Visitors:** None

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **New business**

The potential for a joint e-waste recycling event with the Solebury EAC, to be held April 2024, was discussed and approved. Ms. Rash will bring it up at a future Buckingham supervisors work session. Funding to be provided by the county through the county e-waste recycling grant program. [E-Waste Reimbursement Grant | Bucks County, PA](#)

A visit to a recycling plant to investigate how recycling actually occurs, in particular recovered plastic waste, was discussed. Andrea Strout has a visit scheduled on October 24<sup>th</sup> with Doylestown Township EAC Chair Jim Baldassarre and others and will report back to the group.

The grant for meadow maintenance was submitted and we should hear from the funders in October.

Invasive Japanese Knotweed is present at the new maintenance property; nothing will be done about this until Spring 2024.

Ms. Mein requested that noise and associated noise ordinances be placed on the October agenda.

### **Old/ongoing business**

**Single-use plastic survey update:** The survey results show 69% of respondents are in favor of a ban in the township. These results are to be posted in a future township newsletter. Next steps are to draft a letter to the major township businesses requesting a meet and greet to discuss these results and garner the business community's input on how best to proceed. Ms. Strout to draft and provide to the EAC members by email.

**Roundtable:** Only potable water and its various sources will be discussed at the February 3, 2024 roundtable. Jim Walter to speak and contact co-presenter Gary Weaver to plan their presentations. A second session will be held (tentative date: February 24, 2024) to discuss the watershed. Ms. Strout will contact the participants and help plan their presentations. For each date a snow date of the following day was recommended.

**Reforest Buckingham project:** One hundred trees for the Holicong Park expansion will arrive in late September or early October. We have solicited assistance from the high school again with a planting date in mid-October. Another 100 trees for the Watson Creek riparian buffer will be planted by interested creek-adjacent neighbors with MWS help as needed. Twenty-five trees for the wastewater spray field will be planted by township personnel. Another 125 trees have been requested from three HOAs and will be planted by them with instruction from the MWS for two of them. The Bucks County Herald will be invited to cover the planting event at Holicong Park, at which time we will push the HOA connection as well.

**Township website:** Fall tips to be tweaked by Ms. Strout.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Smith  
Secretary and Vice Chair