

## 11/15/23 Buckingham EAC Meeting Minutes

**Present:** D. Robb, A. Strout, D. Smith, J. Walter

**Absent:** R. Foster, L. Mein, M. Rash, S. Yerkes

**Visitors:** Stephanie Weisser

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

### **New business**

The grant for meadow conversion of 2 acres in Holicong Park was approved by the state. A contractor, most likely Arc Wild, will do the conversion plus 2 years of maintenance. Karen Ogden of the Bucks County Conservation District, along with Jim Walter and others from Penn State, will teach the township's maintenance crew how to manage the meadow. Core Creek and Doylestown also received grants for meadow projects.

### **Old/ongoing business**

**Single-use plastic survey update:** The October 21 webinar yielded no new information. Ms. Rash and Ms. Strout visited Peddler's Village merchants to discuss the issue and found that a number of merchants have already moved toward reducing or eliminating plastic bags. The survey results are to be reviewed at tonight's supervisors' meeting. A brief discussion on the availability of compostable bags, packaging made from plant material and cellophane was had.

**Township Water Roundtables:** A planning meeting will be held December 7 to finalize the format, presenters and ancillary needs for the two sessions. It was agreed that if weather forces a postponement, the sessions will be held one month later.

**Reforest Buckingham project:** The HOA tree planting went well and trees are being maintained by the homeowners. The Watson Creek trees have also been planted. Signage for the Holicong Park trees recognizing the CB East students for their efforts will be deferred until the meadow project is complete or at least underway. Two signs are proposed that would include educational material as well as the student recognition.

**Energy Transition Plan:** The presentation scheduled for December 20 has been postponed until January 24's work session due to the holiday schedule.

**E-Waste Recycling Event:** A date of April 6 was selected. Ms. Smith to lead the effort on this event.

**EAC Members:** Several suggestions were made to recruit members from the farm community. The EAC January meeting will include our annual re-organization; a new secretary will be needed should Ms. Smith and Mr. Walter accept the co-chair positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Smith

Secretary and Vice Chair