

## **Meeting Minutes - 6/16/2022**

**The meeting was held in the basement of the Perkiomen Township Building.**

**We began at 7:08 PM.**

**In Attendance: Dominic Bruzzese, Chris Husted, KayDee House**

**Accept 2022 05 - EAC Meeting Minutes**

**Review/Accept 2020 06 - EAC Agenda**

**General Business:**

- **Review and Final Acceptance of Mission Statment:**
  - Connecting, Educating, and advocating for residents to provide environmental enhancement and promote community health and wellbeing for generations to come.
- **Consider Bylaws incorporation**
  - KayDee to spearhead - 6/22/2022 will send something to the group for review
  - Group to discuss to and provide input next meeting.
- **Chris - review Huber/Highlands Park plan with EAC**
  - 1 of the 3 primary scenarios was decided.
  - ~2 million dollars for all the improvements proposed (Phased over time) 4 phases proposed.
    - driveway/drainage
    - Pavilion/park features
    - Food forest
  - 9/15/2022 next meeting - to see the final master plan, costs, phasing, and funding strategies for the park!
  - They will be looking to us for input / advising / and volunteering efforts
  - Our main focus on natives and keeping the land as natural as possible. Removing natives. Minimize play areas. Also focus on runoff and collecting and holding storm water. Connection with MS4?
- **Community Day Debrief**
  - New contacts / networking idea
    - DEP Inspector - Chris H. made - this inspector had connections with the school district (opportunity to strengthen community).
  - Being better prepared for next - Hand outs, interesting engagement
  - Plant handouts
  - Peat pot / seed / soil handout kit - with native seeds
    - Partner with the watershed conservancy for them to grow plants and we pay for and offer to township residents for free
    - Seed paper tape - handout
  - Handouts - a talking point - for example natives "Plant this not that" - reusable (Laminated)? With QR code link.
  - KayDee to lead putting together a kit (tote, for example) of items - table cloth, banner, handouts, engagement/activities - this kit to be used for any future event for promoting EAC.

- **Upcoming Events to bring to awareness (post on facebook page for awareness)**
  - **Perk. Watershed Conserv. Events**
  - **Send / share to the group and Dominic will post on Facebook.**
- **PFAS**
  - Where does our township drinking water come from -
  - Testing for PFAS' in the Perkiomen Twp and Water source
  - EPA recent publication- share with the township
- **Facebook Page**
  - Reviewed and noted 40 followers! Keep it coming - share and add content on continue to build
- **MS4 - What is EAC's role - main liaison - Dominic**
- **Training - watershed sampling - information goes to STROUD Water Research Center.**
- **Difference between non-native and invasive.**
  - **Not really invasive natives, but some can be aggressive or annoying**
  - **Being a resource to the community for this**
  - **Talk to people about weeds in their garden**
- **Township doesn't spray but the state does - what can we do?**