

West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

6/7/2022 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: John Matthews, Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Sarah Newman and Linda Reichert (via ZOOM). Public attendance- Mike Leader, Kathy Hughes, Carin Mifsud(WPT BOS). Not present: Glenn Wenger and Rich Pomeroy

- 1) Call to order: 7:47 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from May 3, 2022 were approved.
- 4) No public comment
- 5) Old business.
 - a) Highway Cleanup Recap- Bryan: Smaller group- 10 volunteers. Weeds and rain made it difficult to do a thorough job, 13 bags and rugs, tire etc were collected. Bryan had to call PennDOT and Public Works to clean up the rest of stuff that was not collected with the bags.
 - b) Election Table Recap- Bryan, Sarah and Kathy: 36 WPT residents signed up for the newsletter. The list was submitted to Melissa at WPT. Only 2 emails a year. Bryan- A college Senior would like to help out. Sarah- Talked with a farmer. Concerned about our focus on anti-fossil fuel. Concerned about the price of gas. She is an advocate for clean energy, lower energy costs, clean water and clean air. Did sign up to receive information from WPT EAC. Kathy- Talked about Tallamy's books and connection with local caterpillars and insects/native plants and trees/birds. Birds seem to be a concern for everyone. She recommends we should contact a speaker from Audubon to talk about the bird loss.
 - c) Speaker Series: Green Stormwater Infrastructure- Sarah: 1) Michael Burns at Villanova is a Doctoral Candidate in connection with Donna Switzer. Looking at weather effectiveness to streams etc. Get the information out to farmers, HOAs, WPT BOS. Present the basics- what is green water why and how it works. Do we want a series with WPT EAC? Do we want a series of lectures with WPT EAC. 2) Should we share credits and rebate for putting geothermal/solar? Mike Leader will contact PECO about this topic. 3) Speaker from Phoenixville to discuss using waste (i.e. human septic waste) into energy and fertilizer. 4) Best practices and Chester County changes in stormwater. Cory Trego from Chester County to talk about infrastructure. Target September for the series presentation.
 - d) Tree Planting Info Sign- Linda: She did contact Carol Armstrong. Will resend it to everyone. Recommends to use Grants to pay for this.
 - e) 1881 Art School Rd. Pond Violation Update- John: A hearing did take place at the township level. WPT engineer and owners were present. the owners did not apply for permits. Once they apply for permits then the engineer can look into their pond project- have to do it within 30 days. They have been fined. Will probably go to court. There are 2 more cases in court and will need to follow the right steps.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) VPP Grant Shareholders- Bryan and John: Bryan meets every month with other members. We need feedback from the community, who to contact, stakeholders and we have a consultant to this for information and a list. We need to come up with a list of small and big businesses for the consultant. Send info to homeowners. Feedback for renewable energy. Get together the Stake Holders to present the plan. Montgomery School, BOS, Stickman's, contractors next to Stickman's get them involved. 1-2 hour presentation. We will have a meeting and need to

- have this done in a month. Bryan will send a list of Stakeholders to everyone. New name for VPP it is now Chester County Clean Energy Alliance.
- b) Grid Working Session date and time: Bryan will send out an e-mail to see who and when can meet. sometime this summer. Linda will host the meeting. Bryan will send the grid to Carin and Barbara.
 - c) Next WPT Newsletter Writeup: Glenn wrote up the renewable blurb. Sarah will write up a blurb on Green Stormwater Infrastructure and possible dates of speakers. Should get the information the last week of the month.
 - d) Montgomery School collaborating with Penn State Water Masters Group- Sarah: Working with Carol Armstrong and a tree planting session Spring 2023. Share our volunteer list from our tree planting. Let them know who to get their mulch from- Sweet water 100. A Science teacher at Montgomery School is organizing this activity. Need to get the school community to help out.
 - e) Infrastructure Bill- Possibly get Grants from this. Improving habitat and better stream health. BOS are not sure if any of this money is coming our way.
- 7) Announcements: Next meeting is July 5, 2022
- 8) Adjourn 8:35 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Mike Leader- Call PECO for update on credit and rebates for geothermal and solar installation.
- 2) Linda- Resend Tree Planting sign information.
- 3) Bryan- Send List of stakeholders for the VPP grant out to the group.
- 4) Bryan- Send out an email to see who and when the group can work on the GRID.
- 5) Sarah- Write up blurb for the WPT newsletter on Green stormwater infrastructure.