

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

4/2/2020 Meeting Minutes

Attending (via phone): John Matthews, Glenn Wenger, Warren Fox, Rich Pomeroy, Linda Reichert, Bryan Maher and Janet Parry and Donna Switzer

- 1) Call to order: 9:01 AM
- 2) No public comment
- 3) People wishing to be heard: John, Linda and Donna- Very pleased with the talent on our council. Members have a broad range of skills, which have benefitted the start up of the WPT EAC. The involvement of the members has been impressive. When a request is made, members step up to fill the need. A lot has been accomplished in fulfilling our mission in less than a year.
- 4) Minutes from March 5, 2020 WPT EAC meeting were approved.
- 5) Old Business
 - Status of the Public Educational Meetings.
 - 1) Educational meeting in May. Glenn Wenger made the arrangements for the speaker, Sharon Richardson, for the May 13th meeting. However, he asked if she could change her meeting to either May 27th or June 3rd in order to accommodate the more time sensitive meeting with Jeanne Ortiz. Sharon cannot make to either date, but offered May 20th or June 10th. Glenn has not heard back from Sharon.
 - 2) Bryan suggested that we should not have any meetings this year until Covid-19 quarantine has been lifted. Instead of a public forum, it was suggested that guest speakers could put together a 5-8 minute video of a synopsis of their presentation. This could then be shared on WPT EAC Facebook page, Newsletter, Chester Springs Library Educational page, other EACs and possibly a Zoom presentation.
 - 3) **John will contact Jeanne Ortiz to see if she would be interested in a similar presentation.**
 - Ten WPT residents filled out their name and contact information on the survey. **Linda, Donna and Janet will contact nine residents and Glenn will contact the Laudins. Bryan will resend the list of names and contacts.**
 - The Dogwood and Pine Creek Park Trails hike on March 14th report (Warren): Glenn, Bryan, Warren, John and Nancy Bartley participated in the walk.
 - 1) There is a pond and an abandon house on the east end of the park. It would be nice to revive that end of the park. There is electricity to the house, but no lights in the park.
 - 2) There is a weather monitoring set up. Who is responsible for it?

- 3) There is space for solar panels. Nice starting point for Ready 100. Bryan did a rough calculation and the area would help off-set the WPT power costs.
- Plastic issues: West Pikeland resident and former Township Supervisor, Ernie Hollings, Executive Director, Chester County Assoc. of Township Officials (www.ccato.org) informed the EAC that CCCATO townships received a questionnaire from Penn Environment. The Local Plastics Questionnaire for “local officials throughout the Commonwealth to tackle the challenge of single-use plastics” and the “Gauge your interest in fighting this serious problem and see how Penn Environment can be of assistance in helping with existing or future efforts to rein in this chronic pollution.” Our WPT EAC should bring this to attention and seek a response from current WPT BOS.
 - 1) Two WPT BOS answered the survey. One member mentioned that the survey was too slanted in one direction. She should be encouraged to respond to Penn Environment about her concerns.
 - 2) John will resend survey to the BOS and encourage them to fill it out.**
 - 3) An important mandate for our council to educate the community about plastics. Also, raise the awareness to the BOS. Penn Environment is there as a resource for the community.
 - 4) Push compostable materials. Only 10% of all plastics are recycled so avoid single-use plastics. Will benefit the community as a whole.
 - Recycling Presentation:
 - 1) LanChester Landfill- Website has links for recycling. Include website in the newsletter.
 - 2) King of Prussia has a recycling hub.
 - 3) WPT township went to individual providers. AJ Blosenski and RePublic are the main providers in WPT. Blosenski uses its own recycle sorting facility.
 - 4) Donna will follow up with the presentation and contacts. Maybe a video format and link to EAC website.**
 - Ready for 100% renewable: Sierra Acton Planning and Penn Environment. Need to investigate now until summer to come up with an action plan to present to WPT BOS.
 - 1) John will resend the Ready for 100 document to the council to educate ourselves in the next two weeks. EAC members will respond to the material no later than April 23rd.**
 - 2) All surrounding municipalities and townships in the regional planning have committed to 100% renewable. WPT is the only one that has not signed on.
 - 3) West Vincent and Pocopson have information/ presentation on how to present to the BOS. We would like to use them as a resource on how to move forward in presenting 100% renewable to WPT BOS.

- Newsletter and Election Table
 - 1) Table: Because of Covid-19 restrictions, there will be less traffic due to mail-in ballots and voters will not want to stop at the table. We will revisit at next meeting.
 - 2) Newsletter: (two-sided)
 - **Linda will find out if Jonathon Slaven will send out the newsletter via email to WPT residents.**
 - Include link for the 2019 report to BOS
 - **Donna will make a PDF format and email to the council first to proof and then will send it to Jonathon.**
 - **Donna will write up a stay tuned note on Upcoming Events.**
 - **ROE (Glenn) and Eel (Janet) provide a short summary and link.**
 - Goal is to send to Jonathon Slaven for Earthday (April 22).

6) A request on email communications: the threads have been very confusing. Please use "All Reply" with all correspondence.

Adjourn: 10:03

Action Items:

- 1) Glenn- Contact Sharon Richardson about changing format of her presentation
- 2) John- Contact Jeanne Ortiz about changing format of her presentation
- 3) John- Resend Ready For 100 document to EAC members
- 4) EAC members- Need to read the Ready for 100 document and respond in a week
- 5) John- contact West Vincent and/or Pocopson for guidance on how to present to WPT BOS.
- 6) John- Resend the Plastics in Environment Survey from Penn Environment
- 7) EAC members- Read the survey.
- 8) Donna- Newsletter, include link to LanChester Landfill link for recycling
- 9) Donna- Contact a recycling representative for a public education presentation.
- 10) Linda- Contact Jonathon Slaven about E-mailing out our newsletter to WPT residents on Earth Day.
- 11) Donna- Write up a blurb in newsletter on staying tuned for upcoming events.
- 12) Janet- Write up short summary and include link on Eels
- 13) Glenn- Write up short summary and include link on ROE
- 14) Janet- Send picture of stream to Donna for newsletter.
- 15) Donna- Email newsletter to Jonathon Slaven for "publication" on Earth Day.