

West Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

3/5/2020 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 9:00 AM
- 2) No public comment
- 3) Unfinished Business
  - Survey results/diagram is on website. The PDF of the diagram will be used for newsletter.
  - Educational meeting in May. Glenn Wenger made the arrangements for the speaker at the May meeting. He contacted Vicki Laubach at Green Valleys Watershed Association for a speaker recommendation. Sharon Richardson will be presenting on Lawn and Garden Care. She is a member of the Master Gardener Organization. She will need a projector setup for a Powerpoint presentation. She is scheduled for May 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Chester Springs Library.
  - Ten WPT residents filled out their name and contact information on the survey. We need to contact and acknowledge them and their interest in volunteering.
- 4) Future educational presentation plans
  - Audubon: John Matthews has made arrangements for an Educational Meeting with Jeanne Ortiz through the Audubon Pennsylvania organization. The presentation will be informative on topic “adding native plants to your yard to provide tangible benefits to birds, wildlife and the community.” They will offer attendees resources and expertise to help get started, possibly including native plant material. It was suggested that her presentation should be moved to the May 13, 2020 meeting and move Sharon Richardson’s presentation to May 27 or June 3.
  - Plastic issues: West Pikeland resident and former Township Supervisor, Ernie Hollings, Executive Director, Chester County Assoc. of Township Officials ([www.ccato.org](http://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.
  - Recycling Presentation: Where does our recycling from our bins go? Maybe have someone from LanChester Landfill present or a representative from a garbage company present at an educational presentation.

- 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 and have it at our table at the Nov. 7, 2020 election.
- 5) Newsletter and Table for April 28 Primary
- Table: We will finalize what we will have at the table at our April meeting.
  - Newsletter: (two-sided)
    - Photo
    - Mission statement
    - Upcoming events
    - Eel paragraph
    - ROE
    - Graph of township survey
    - Names of committee members
    - How to connect with EAC
- 6) New Business
- Earth Day (April 22) Most organizations will celebrate on April 18. We will connect volunteers with activities through other organizations (i.e. Donna Switzer's group and boy Scout Troops). Walnut Lane Park- maintenance of trees that were planted last year. WPT will provide/buy materials. Partner with WPT Parks and Rec and EAC.
  - In the future WPT EAC would like to take a lead with one project such as stream clean up or WPT Land Trust trail maintenance.
  - State EAC Conference on May 2, 2020. Glenn, Bryan, Linda, John, Janet and maybe Rich plan on attending.
  - Upgrade Pickering Creek Watershed to Exceptional Value: Janet contacted Vicki Laubach of Green Valleys Watershed Assoc. and Pam Brown of French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Both encouraged our council to pursue the upgrade. Vicki would like to present to our council how to start the process.
  - John will write up the 2019 WPT EAC report and present it to the WPT BOS.
- 7) Meeting was officially adjourned at 10:00. The meeting was extended to 10:22 to plan a hike on the WPT Land Trust Dogwood and Pine Creek Park trails. The hike will take place on Sat., March 14 at 2:00 PM. Meet at the Binky Lee main trailhead parking lot.
- 8) Action items:
- John- Contact Jeanne Ortiz to set the date for her presentation on May 12, 13 or 14 (May 13 would be the preferred date for our council).
  - Glenn- Contact Sharon Richardson to see if she could change her presentation date to May 27 or June 3.
  - Bryan- Transfer the names and contact info from the surveys of the residents who expressed interest in volunteering to Janet and Linda. Glenn will contact the Lauden's.

- Janet and Linda- Contact the residents who expressed interest in volunteering.
- Linda, Glenn and Janet- Newsletter- Get all the information together and email to Donna who will format.
- Donna- Transfer the formatted newsletter to Jonathon Slaven so he can print and add to the WPT EAC webpage.
- John- Contact WPT Parks and Rec for the Earth Day collaboration.