

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council
6/11/2020 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 9:18 AM
- 2) Minutes from May 7, 2020 were approved.
- 3) Paula Kline- A Volunteer with the Chester County Sierra Club. A consultant for Ready for 100 and WPT EAC presentation to WPT BOS.
 - WPT EAC members are all in support of moving WPT into Ready for 100.
 - WPT BOS has taken the next step for our community by officially becoming part of the Phoenixville Regional Planning Group.
 - WPT EAC has taken the next step toward joining the Phoenixville Area Clean Energy Alliance (PACEA). This group is currently working on a regional planning grant for implementing RF100.
 - a) First to join were Phoenixville, Downingtown and West Chester. Neighboring municipalities wanted to join within a year.
 - b) Cannot solve the challenges alone- need large bundles for best prices. For example, West Chester/Cadmus sub-region hired a consultant to help with the transition.
 - c) Grant Funding for education, collaboration and renewables.
 - d) Basic action directions for our BOS and residents needed. Outreach for volunteering, compliance, enable zoning and permitting. Encourage residents in friendly competitions.
 - Open to questions.
 - a) Donna- How do we start the process? First start with educating the BOS. Need to get an EAC subcommittee to do the study and come up with a plan/presentation for the BOS.
 - b) Linda-What is the best way to come up with a plan when the BOS are possibly not behind renewables? First educate them for buy-in, i.e. energy, natural disasters. Gather community input. Workshop sessions. If BOS is polarized, ask a member of another township BOS whose had success with transitioning to Ready for100 for guidance. Given choice to preserve for the future. Give tangible/concrete examples from other communities. PECO audits for the community, maybe bargain the price for group rates on the audits.
 - c) John- How do we get paraphernalia (Buttons, information sheets, advertising, etc.) to hand out to the community? Download information to borrow text and copy/paste. Use case studies or profiling communities for examples. Paula will send a link to download.
 - d) John-Southeastern PA Sierra Club region is all voluntary, consists of all counties around Philly with a focus on water concerns, nature and also energy. Versus Chesco Ready for 100 made up of communities to get ready for the transition to 100% renewable.
 - Grants for consultants and education - Timeline is very short. PACEA is meeting with Susan Elks, from Chester County Vision Partnership Program, to fully understand the parameters of the regional grant and its application process. The VPP accepts grant applications twice a year, the next opening begins in August and closes in September.

4) Old business.

- Henry Alexander from West Vincent Township met with John and Glenn on June 4, 2020 (we did not officially hold the meeting due to power outage).
 - a) West Vincent Township (WVT) has Presented its resolution to the public and BOS has passed it. Linda suggested that someone should come from WVT to talk with us for advice.
 - b) Kathy McDevit- EAC and sustainability committees- two EAC members spent a year on the committees to prepare for their BOS presentation on Ready for 100.
 - c) John is on board to request a volunteer from East Pikeland Township (EPT) for consultation with the full WPT EAC or the RF100 subcommittee. Supervisor Rusty Strauss was suggested.
- Subgroups within the WPT EAC other than Ready for 100. Linda will check with Jonathan Slaven to see if we need to post meeting times for subgroups.
- Plants for Birds with the Audubon Society- Pick up will be at the WPT Building between 3:30-5:30 PM on June 12, 2020. People are emailing John for information and he needs to refer them to Kelly McGinley with Audubon. Janet will contact Kelly McGinley to see if they will need help with the plant pick up.
- John will write a thank you note to Mike Leader for checking on the trees in the riparian area on Walnut Lane. He reported back that 80% of the trees survived.

5) New Business

- PennEnvironment survey on plastics in the water. Janet will check with Faran Savitz about follow up meeting. John will follow up with the WPT BOS to see if they filled out the survey.
- Form subcommittees for Ready for 100. Linda/Glenn/John and hopefully Bryan (need someone with graphic skills). Linda consulted Suzanne Caplan who is a media expert. She suggested we can informally circulate to friends and neighbors a link with information on ready for 100 and then they can send it out 10 more. Maybe use APPs like Neighborhood YellowSprings.
- Regional Planning- Jim Wendelglass and John will attend.
- Glenn suggested an outdoor meeting if weather permits.
- Have Ready for 100 pre-meeting before next meeting (July 2).

6) Meeting Adjourned 10:19

Action Items:

- 1) John- Contact Rusty Strauss from EPT for consultation on Ready for 100.
- 2) Linda- Ask Jonathon Slaven if we need to post meeting times for subcommittees.
- 3) Janet- Contact Kelly McGinley to see if they need help with handing out plants at Plants for Birds.
- 4) John-Follow up with WPT BOS to see if they filled out the plastics survey.
- 5) Janet- Follow up with Faran Savitz to see if he wants to still have a meeting with John, Linda and Janet.