

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

1/5/2021 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: John Matthews, Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Glenn Wenger, Rich Pomeroy, Linda Reichert and Donna Switzer (Not present: Warren Fox,). Public Attendance- Carin Mifsud

- 1) Call to order: 7:34 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from December 1, 2020 were approved.
- 4) Carin Mifsud will attend (as the WPT BOS representation) the meetings as much as she can.
- 5) Old business.
 - a) Shredding event report (Donna)- Never heard back from the company about the tonnage report and Donna will follow up with the company. The Drive was well received by everyone. Asked if we could plan on a paper drive every year. Truck driver mentioned it was a good turnout.
 1. The township has been getting calls about Christmas tree disposal in the township. Maybe we could bundle the tree disposal with the shredding event. Donna will look into this.
 2. It was mentioned that maybe we could tie in other items to recycle (compost, trees, electronics, meds). There are many regulations for recycling the other items. County is already offering many of these services so we should redirect residents on our website to their website.
 3. Compost would be the easiest to investigate. Glenn will contact Sharon Richardson, who is a master gardener, about composting.
 - b) Stream Clean up
 1. John contacted Peter Hughes at Trout unlimited. Even though it is trout season, he recommends that we do the Stream cleanup @ Earth Day. Do it for 3 hours in the morning. Coordinate with WPT. Deposit the trash in piles and have the township pick up the piles.
 2. Glenn and Bryan will oversee the Stream Cleanup event. Glenn will follow up with the Keep PA beautiful program via PENNDOT. Bryan is affiliated with a group that can provide a team of kids that will help with this project. They will contact Mike Minnich and Carol Armstrong who are water stewards for Pickering Creek.
 - c) Chester Springs Library Grant Update, Community Read/Engagement- The grant is for \$3000.00. Open submission for application is Jan. 4th – March 4th. Keep the application simple, for example use the library for a resource on sustainability/renewables. The subcommittee for renewable energy (John and Linda) for the township will take a look at Nancy's table to help her revise the application for the grant. Deadline for this should be mid February.
 - d) Recycling, Composting, Reduction of Plastics Educational Speakers-
 1. Glenn contacted Sharon Richardson and she can do a Zoom presentation on Lawn Reduction. The meeting will be to the public. We need time to publicize the meeting. It was suggested to have the presentation Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM.
 2. Donna will be a guest speaker on Household Recycling on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 PM.
 3. Glenn will contact Sharon Richardson about a presentation on Composting.
 - e) PRPC Comprehensive Plan- John went to the WPT BOS Zoom meeting and the link was tricky to get on the meeting. The Plan was basically read out loud. Jim W. will set up a meeting for educating the WPT Residents to get the community involved and residents input. Need to do this before the WPT BOS review and approval. John will contact Jim W. for a date on the presentation will go through the Planning committee.
 - f) Terms for the council and Elect council positions

1. We were too late getting this information to the BOS so they went ahead and made the terms for this year. Board can remove a member of the committee. Any member can re-up if the BOS doesn't remove anyone. 5-7 members and one alternate.

John – year 1 (2022)
Warren – year 1 (2022)
Janet – year 1 (2022)
Glenn – year 2 (2023)
Linda – year 2 (2023)
Bryan – year 2 (2023)
Rich – year 3 (2024)
Donna – year 3 (2024)

2. Elected positions

Chair – Bryan

Co-Chair – Linda

Secretary – Janet

6) New Business:

- a) Comprehensive Plan and the Riparian Buffer- Glenn sent his letter to Noreen, Chair of BOS. She said she will take info under advisement
- b) Native species Garden for the township building- Janet and Glenn will follow up on this with the township.

7) West Pikeland Township Sustainable Future/Educational steps

- a) RF100 is rebranded to **WPT Energy Conservation and Sustainability Plan**
- b) Education Steps for the council: Bryan and subcommittee will decide and work on 5 action items from the PRPC table over a two year period. Glenn will investigate an energy audit for township buildings. Donna already looked into a baseline audit for 2019. She will provide the information to the subcommittee.

8) No Announcements

9) Adjourn 8:35 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Donna- Get tonnage report on shredding event.
- 2) Glenn and Bryan- Look into Keep PA Beautiful, contact Carol Armstrong and Mike Minnich about Pickering Creek clean up event.
- 3) The whole council- Read Nancy's library grant proposal information.
- 4) Glenn- Contact Sharon Richardson to see if know anything about composting and if she could put together a presentation on composting.
- 5) Glenn-Let Sharon Richardson know about her Zoom presentation date on March 23.
- 6) John and Linda will revise and help Nancy with the grant proposal.
- 7) Janet and Glenn- Find out more information on the proposed garden for the WPT building.
- 8) John-Ask Jim for presentation date and time on community presentation on WPT Energy Conversation and Sustainability Plan (ECSP).
- 9) Donna- Provide audit data to the (ECSP) committee.