

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

6/1/2021 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: John Matthews, Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Glenn Wenger, Donna Switzer and Linda Reichert (not present: Rich Pomeroy). Public: Carin Mifsud, Sarah Newman, Ashton Simmons and Melissa Geoghegan

- 1) Call to order: 7:33 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from May 4, 2021 were approved.
- 4) No Public comment
- 5) Old business.
 - a) Spring/Summer Newsletter- Donna: Great job! Last call for additions- get any changes to Donna by June 2 at noon. Put in newsletter to bring a lawn chair for the library event on June 5th. Have the newsletter available at the June 5th event, Paper Drive and share on WPT Facebook page and website.
 - b) Shredding Event- Donna: June 12, 9-12. Need volunteers (Bryan, Glenn, Donna and Linda will help out). There will be Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination unit at the event so will need to help with traffic flow. Bryan has 6 more signs and will put them out around the community.
 - c) Chester Springs Library Grant First Event- Linda: Set up for the event is going as planned. Not sure how many people will attend. Bryan, Linda and Janet will volunteer to help with managing the refreshments and directing people to the Amphitheater. Bryan will let the BOS know we need money from the EAC budget be used to provide food and beverages- about \$100.00. Linda will get a discount at Kimberton Whole Foods. There will be two tables (provided by Nancy from the library) to set up for the guest speakers, EAC information and Library Grant information. Glenn will send out information on the event to the EACs in the Northern Chester County Coalition. Melissa will publicize the event via WPT website and Facebook. EAC members should spread the word on the events via personal contacts. Nancy will provide a portable amplification system. Following CDC-COVID guidelines, since we will be outside, will not need masks.
 - d) Talking trash speaker event- Donna: May 27, 2021. Excellent event. 25 people joined the meeting. All questions were answered and audience was engaged. The presentation was recorded and working with Melissa to have it uploaded on to the EAC webpage. Donna has a Utube video of the presentation and will provide the link.
 - e) Adopt-a-Highway Program- Bryan: Submitted an application 3 weeks ago. Bryan will reach out to find its progress.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) WPT Project Assistant (Melissa) has requested that we provide her with more lead time when we need help designing flyers. Would like a 2 week lead time and have it almost completed before sending it to her.
 - b) EAC Facebook Page- Linda: Do we need one for our council? It was suggested to keep it to the WPT Facebook Page since Melissa does such an excellent job with keeping it updated with our information.
 - c) Pesticide Spraying- Glenn: Is involved with a group of individuals (12 townships and 12 contacts). Would like to eliminate pesticide use in the townships. Who decides where and when pesticides are used in WPT? Carin will look into the spec for bids- there is nothing so far in the WPT records. A new initiative was proposed- educate the WPT residents on pesticides.

Sarah Newman suggested this would be an opportunity to educate pesticide use and the watershed in WPT. What are the ordinances of pesticide use in WPT? Carin will investigate this. The EAC should be involved with writing up the WPT ordinance in regards to pesticide use in WPT. There is a Zoom meeting, "Don't Spray Us" on June 17th. Glenn will send out the information on the meeting. At our next meeting we will discuss how Phoenixville is trying to get an ordinance passed. Bryan will contact PennDOT to find out their pesticide use in WPT.

- d) Solar Energy grids and panels- Bryan: Charlie Humphreys has requested that the EAC write up a draft for WPT and ordinances involved with Solar Energy grids and panels. This will involve residential, farms, renting land for solar panels for the community and/or township. He would like this presented later on this year to the WPT BOS. Write this up to be ahead of the game.
 - e) VPP Grant and PACEA- John: Waiting for all bids to come in from potential Consultants. Each township will have a customized program involving their own ordinances. There will be a formal liaison from each EAC with the PACEA contractor to provide reports on energy use/electric charging stations/solar education. Brian will get the final VPP Grant and send it out to everyone.
- 7) No announcements
 - 8) Adjourn 8:36 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Bryan- Put out the 6 signs on the Shredding event.
- 2) Glenn- Send info on Library events to the Northern Chester County Coalition.
- 3) The Group- Reach out to personal contacts to let them know about the library events.
- 4) Donna- Provide utube link for the Talking Trash Talk
- 5) Bryan- Contact PennDOT to find out where our application is on Adopt-a-Highway.
- 6) Glenn- Provide Zoom Meeting information on "Don't Spray Us."
- 7) Bryan- Email the final VPP Grant to the group.