

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

5/7/2020 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: 9:00 AM
- 2) Jeanne Oritz and Kelly McGinley from the Audubon Society discussed their program on West Pikeland Plants for Birds.
 - A William Penn Foundation and Delaware Watershed Initiative is in its 6th year. It encompasses 8 geological areas none as clusters, which span the entire Delaware watershed.
 - There are 50 partners and their main goals are to protect land, water monitoring and replenish stream corridors.
 - There is a video for patrons to watch that explains the importance of the program. Located at this website: <https://pa.audubon.org/conservation/plants-birds-schuylkill-highlands>
 - WPT is the first roll out for this program, which will be open until May 31, 2020. Foundation will renew the program for 3 years.
 - There are four steps (an 8 week time frame):
 1. Check on interactive map with address on website to determine whether or not the property is valid. Ideally they want to recruit properties with streams in order to restore the riparian buffers with bird friendly plants.
 2. Choose the appropriate plant package. A sampling of ten plants (trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants)
 3. Pick up and plant the plants.
 4. They will recheck to see if the plants are okay.
 - How can WPT EAC help with the roll out? Create an album on our Facebook page so people can upload pictures of their projects. Let the Chester Springs Library and Historic Yellow Springs know about the program. Kelly will provide Facebook strategies.
 - Photos are important for William Penn Foundation. Before and after photos.
 - Since we are the first to help with this roll out, our success will be inspiring for other chapters. They will be rolling this out to 21 chapters in the area.
 - Signed off at 9:20 AM
 - Glenn will do the footwork to help organize and coordinate with Kelly and Jeanne. Rich will be Glenn's wing-man to help with the social media.
 - Get the information out:
 1. Jonathon Slaven- can he email out to residents (Linda will check with him) and CHESCO alert newsletter.
 2. Twin Hills- Warren will get the info to HOA. Email blasts.

- 3) Minutes from April 2, 2020 WPT EAC meeting were approved.
- 4) Old Business
 - Glenn- Sharon Richardson. Will postpone educational presentation, but recommends a link to a video in our newsletter "Hope for the Wild."
 - Went over Action Items from April 2 minutes. All were accomplished except how to present Ready for 100 to WPT BOS.
- 5) 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.
 - **Glenn and Bryan will help John put together a packet of information to present to the WPT BOS.** Waiting for energy bills from the township. Donna has info to help Bryan with his calculations.
 - Everyone on WPT EAC is committed to Ready for 100. The Council approves to move forward with Ready for 100 plans to present to West Pikeland Township BOS.
 - Sierra Club will support us. John needs to sign up with their program. Get advice from other townships in the area. West Chester and Phoenixville are deep into planning for ready for 100. Contact them.
 - For our June 4th WPT EAC meeting, John contact West Vincent EAC to see if someone can talk to us about their program. Contact Paula Kline from Sierra Club for consultation. Contact Charlie Humphrey on the BOS. Need a plan for WPT BOS presentation on Reay for 100.

Adjourn: 10:07

Action Items:

- 1) Linda- contact Jonathon on getting the word out on the Audubon's Plants for Birds Program
- 2) Glenn and Rich- help with the roll out of the Audubon Program.
- 3) Warren- contact Twin Hills HOA to promote the Audubon Program in his neighborhood.
- 4) Donna- get energy info to Bryan to help with his calculations (Ready for 100)
- 5) John-Initiate with the Sierra Club to get our Ready for 100 program started.
- 6) John- contact West Vincent EAC and Paula Kline for June 4th meeting.
- 7) John- contact Charlie Humphrey to get involved with the Ready for 100 initiative in WPT.