

West Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

4/6/2021 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 7:33 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from March 2, 2021 were approved.
- 4) Public comment- none
- 5) Old business.
  - a) Pollinator Garden at WPT Building- Glenn and Janet: An area for the garden was picked out. Need a budget. Thinking it will be approximately \$250.00 for purchasing the plants and compost. Glenn suggested to transplant plants from our own yards (i.e. milkweed) and go to Lancaster and buy plants. WPT EAC approves the location and costs for the proposed garden. Need approval from the BOS. Carin Mifsud will ask and not go through the meeting on April 19. Donna and Rich have volunteered to help with the planting of the garden.
  - b) Street Clean up Event on April 24- Glenn and Bryan: All set up for the event. Green Valley will loan us large signs and PennDOT should provide signs indicating "Litter crew ahead." The area will be on 113 from Stickmans (corner of 113 and 401) to Pickering Mill Rd. There will be two locations for the volunteers to meet. Should take 2-3 hours. Will start at 9:00 AM. It was recommended from WVT to get litter sticks (a pole with a nail at the end) and graspers. It was suggested to purchase these items (5 for \$175.00), but John thought we should not spend the money yet and see how this event goes. He would rather focus on other events such as trail and stream clean up. Bryan would like WPT EAC to adopt this part of 113 through PennDOT. Carin Mifsud will check with WPT Public Works to see if they have any equipment we could use for this event. There will not be a designated police officer for this event: however, they will keep an eye on us and be around if their help is needed.
  - c) Lawn Speaker Event- Glenn: 50 people attended the event. Thought it as a very good presentation. Bryan did go and see Sharon's yard. Glenn will see if we can get a recording of the presentation.
  - d) Talking trash speaker event- Donna: Glenn suggested that Donna contact Melissa at WPT to design a cover page for her event. Will need to change the date for this event since Primary Election Day is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed to May 25<sup>th</sup>. Will need to check with the township if this will work.
  - e) Shredding Event- Donna: WPT approved the event for June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Will repurpose the signs by using liquid tape to put new date on the signs. If we need to buy more, John suggested to include our website on the signs.
  - f) BPP Grant- John: WPT EAC was approved and did get the grant with two other townships. We will be the role model for Chester County to get other townships involved. John would like more WPT EAC members involved in these meetings. Next meeting is April 7 at 6:30 PM. Rusty Straw is running the meetings. Would like to formalize a group for more power and involvement. Contact John if you interested.
  - g) Library Grant- John: WPT did get the Grant through the library. Kuddos to Linda Reichert for her authorship and guidance in writing up the Grant Application! Should start now with the "Book Read." Suggestions have been made. Money will be needed to pay the library staff involved in this project.

- h) Newsletter: Hand out again at the June Shredding Event. Send Donna ideas to include in the newsletter. She will check with Melissa to see if she can put the newsletter together for us. Get articles/info to Donna Mid-May. Some ideas include: Report events, BPP Grant, our involvement in the PRP, Pollinator Garden, Library Grant Info.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Future projects in Q3 and Q4
- Bryan- Stream cleaning events: Plan on scheduling later in the summer- July or August. To get the information out to WPT community and beyond- Glenn suggested we contact and advertise with the 13 EAC Consortium (thru Vicki at Green Valley). Bryan will reach out to EAC Chairs to figure this out. Glenn advertised Sharon's Honey I Shrunk the Lawn seminar with this group. With this exposure, Glenn already has 15 signed up for his program.
  - Get involved with the program "Homegrown National Park." [homegrownnationalpark.org](http://homegrownnationalpark.org)
  - PA EAC General Meetings- John and Glenn will participate in the April 10 meeting.
  - Donna would like to focus on our waterways for future projects like Stream Cleaning and quality. Plastics in water seminar- guest speaker from Schuylkill THSP. John will contact her to set this up for Q3 or Q4. Think about it and come up with ideas for the next meeting.
  - Need to address the WPT Riparian Buffer zone in order to comply with the Comprehensive Plan. Have to go through the WPT Planning Commission. Crin indicated that the BOS have targeted June 2021 to come up with a plan. Need to have a public comment and review with the Planning Commission. John will contact someone on the WPT Planning Commission to find out when they will address issue. Our EAC needs to deliver and show up to make our argument.
- b) Partnership with WPT Parks and REC Committee- They are looking into upgrading Walnut Lane and Pine Creek Parks. John would like to get WPT EAC involved in these projects to make sure they are using environmental friendly practices. John will follow up with this topic.
- 7) Announcements: none
- 8) Adjourn 8:33 PM

#### Action Items:

- 1) Glenn- Will contact the PENN extension to get a recording of Sharon's presentation.
- 2) Donna- Will contact Melissa to design a cover page for her Talking Trash presentation.
- 3) Bryan- Turn in yearly report to the BOS
- 4) Donna- Will find out who will format the upcoming EAC Newsletter
- 5) The Group- Come up with ideas/articles for the Newsletter.
- 6) Bryan- Will reach out to surrounding EAC Chairs to find out how to get us in the EAC Consortium.
- 7) The Group- Come up with ideas for water projects for Q3 and Q4.
- 8) John- Will contact the speaker about the Plastic in our waterways seminar
- 9) John- Will contact a member of the EAC Planning Commission to address the expansion Riparian Buffer to meet the Comprehensive Plan guidelines.
- 10) John- Will follow up with Parks and Rec so we can be involved in their upgrades of Walnut Lane and Pine Creek Parks.