

West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

1/4/2022 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: John Matthews, Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Glenn Wenger, Rich Pomeroy and Donna Switzer. Public attendance- Carin Mifsud

- 1) Call to order: 7:33 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from December 7, 2021 were approved after changes are made.
- 4) No public comment
- 5) Old business.
 - a) Pesticide speaker event- Glenn: Michael McGrath will be the guest speaker. Difficult to communicate with him. Need him to follow up with his bio. WPT will host the Zoom presentation. Bryan will find out from Melissa what our limit on participants is with the WPT Zoom account. McGrath has given permission to record the presentation.
 - b) Tree Planting at Pine Creek Park- Sarah is not present: No updates from Sara at this time- we will get an update at the February meeting. April 9th is the target date. Will need Sara to confirm this date. John- Sara has the trees. Nancy met with her to go over the plans. Need a maintenance plan for the trees. Sara has selected trees that are appropriate for the area. Trees sud from the will be grouped and walk ways will be made through out the area. Mark Connolly would like to be involved with future projects. He is with the Tree Tender Organization. Would like to be a resource for the WPT residents. Help with planting the correct trees, where and how to plant them.
 - c) EAC Poster- Kathy is not present: She informed Bryan that she has the posters and will put them up in various places in WPT (i.e. Post Office and Library). There is info on the posters to sign up and volunteer with EAC projects.
 - d) Newsletter Update- Everyone is very pleased with the job Donna did with the Newsletter. Would like to change the title of McGrath's presentation. There's a picture in the newsletter of the area at Pine Creek Park where the trees will be planted. Wait to print the newsletter until we have the final dates for McGrath and Tree Planting. Put on the WPT website as is to get the information out there. Donna will make the updates and give the final product to Bryan so he can coordinate with Melissa.
 - e) Large Pond installation at 1881Art School Rd. : Pond is in violation of WPT zoning ordinances. The property is allowed only one pond, and they already have one. Planning on pumping water from the creek to fill it, which is not allowed. WPT is involved and addressing the illegal installment of the pond. Jim is getting the information out to Senator Comitta..The local branch of the DNR is involved. The home owners have been ordered to cease and desist, but are continuing with their project. This issue is top priority for the DNR of Chester County. Carin Mifsud (WPT BOS) asked for a legal draft statement from WPT EAC on this issue. In order to do this, Bryan has requested a list of the violations and Rich will help with writing up the statement. The WPT BOS is on top of this and aware of this violation for months. Jim has alerted many environmental organizations such as, Chester County conservation.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) 2022 Christmas Tree recycling/disposal service for WPT residents: Bryan- Some townships have their own programs. It was suggested that maybe WPT could explore Christmas Tree mulching/chipping the trees. Melissa will contact Spike to get chipping info/costs. Paul Huzar visited group to see what are our needs.

- 7) Announcements: Mike McGrath will present on February 1st at 7:30 PM. John- Would like to get other townships involved with the "Homegrown National Park" program. Advertise via the library. The library will soon have a Book Read with one of the Tallamy books. Also, Glenn can disseminate information via the 12 local EACs. Maybe can get Tallamy as a guest speaker. John suggested that for 2022, the WPT EAC should focus on educating our residents on reducing pesticide use/homegrown NP/what to plant to help mitigate the introduction of invasive plants. Mt. Cuba would be a good resource for these projects.
- 8) Adjourn 8:17 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Glenn- Contact the Northern Chester county EAC Conference to see if they want to help pay for Mike McGraph presentation.
- 2) Bryan- Contact Jim about writing grants for planting trees.
- 3) Bryan- Present the tree planting plan to BOS.
- 4) Linda- Contact Jeanne Ortez to find out what to do with the ROE flyers she made for WPT.
- 5) Bryan- Contact Fred and Noreen to disseminate the ROE flyers.
- 6) Bryan- Pick up the road cleanup gear 3 days before the event.
- 7) Bryan- Send out email to the first Spring Cleanup Event participants.
- 8) Linda- Contact Darren with Land Trust to come to our meeting to talk about their mowing practices.