

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

12/1/2020 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 7:31 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved
- 3) Minutes from November 5, 2020 were approved.
- 4) No public comment
- 5) Old business.
 - a) Shredding event report- we will push to next meeting since Donna is not at the meeting to give us a full report.
 - b) Riparian Buffer/Natural Lawns Update
 1. Natural Lawns- Glenn met with one township resident. They mapped out his lawn and turning 2 areas into a native meadow. Glenn will contact Sharon Richardson to be a guest speaker on lawns to natural habitats.
 2. Riparian Buffer – To be part of the Phoenixville Comprehensive Regional Plan (PCRP), WPT will need to change the riparian buffer zone from 75’ to 150’ with the Planning Commission. BOS will need to make the changes. Warren will present to the BOS Green Valley’s information on Pickering Creek EV designation and its benefit to the township. .
 - c) Stream Clean up/Naming the streams and tributaries
 1. Stream Clean-up- Green Valley does their Stream Clean up on Earth Day Weekend (Earth Day is April 22, 2021). PENNDot sponsors KeepPennsylvaniaBeautiful program, which is to pick up trash in Pennsylvania. We can use this to help organize our Stream Clean Up event in the Spring. They provide all the supplies for trash pick up. Mike Minnich (WPT Land Trust Chair) is a steward (performs tests on water quality) of Pickering Creek through Green Valley. Bryan and Glenn will run this program. They will determine when we should do the clean up (same day as Green Valley or better turn out in warmer weather?), where (Pine and/or Pickering Creeks). They will check with Mike Minnich for location suggestions and John will check with Peter Hughes with Trout Unlimited for location suggestions.
 2. Naming Streams and Tributaries- John talked with Vicki Lambach at Green Valley. WVT is pursuing the naming of their streams and tributaries. Their procedure is to consult old maps, provide names, present to BOS and go to the Geological Society. John will send out the Green Valley’s WVT map of stream again. We are not going to pursue this right now. Will start small, maybe use the stream running through Janet’s property as a sample stream to set up a process in 2021.
 - d) Chester Springs Library Grant Update, Community Read/Engagement-
 1. The grant is for \$3000.00. Will apply for the mid-January submission. John and Linda met with Nancy at the library. Library writes the Grant, which focuses on community engagement. We would like to collaborate with the library to educate WPT on the PRP and the county/state involvement with sustainability. We need to get to the library maps/information/resources on the subject so they can disseminate the information. John would like to make or buy a shelving system for the PRP information.

2. Community Read is a program Nancy would like to get started. A book is chosen and is read by WPT residents, who would like to participate, and then have a discussion on the book.
- e) Recycling, Composting, Reduction of Plastics Educational Speakers- Will postpone this topic to next meeting.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Native Species Garden for Township Building suggestions – Glenn and Janet will pursue planning and implementing this project. Maybe work with a master gardener to get a pollinator garden installed.
 - b) Will need to address the WPT EAC bylaws and council membership for next year. Rich will investigate this and report back to the council at the next meeting.
- 7) PRPC Comprehensive Plan/Pending WPT Approval/Action Required- Was already addressed in the Riparian Buffer 5)b)1. Warren will reach out to the Planning Commission first and then will have to be addressed by the WPT BOS.
- 8) WPT Sustainable Future/Branding and Education Steps-
 - a) Brian took the PRPC requirements and made a spreadsheet/table/Google Doc with the information. WPT EAC could use this as a template to propose actions for the BOS over the next 10 years. It can be a living document- pick a few items that are doable to achieve every 2 years. For example: Energy Star- its free once someone is set and trained. John will ask Jim to start this process.
 - b) The EAC needs to rename RF100, develop another resolution of the 2035 plan for the BOS and pass the new plan. Next meeting we will decide on a new name for RF100.
- 9) No Announcements
- 10)Adjourn 8:38 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Bryan and Glenn- Check with Mike Minnich (minn379@msn.com) about where would be a good place to do a trash pick up along Pickering Creek.
- 2) John- Contact Peter Hughes at Trout Unlimited for clean up suggestions along Pickering Creek.
- 3) John- Email again to the EAC the streams map for WVT.
- 4) Glenn- Contact Sharon Richardson to see if she could put together a presentation on restoring lawns to native habitat.
- 5) Rich- Find out from the WPT EAC by-laws how we need to” adjust” our council members.
- 6) Janet and Glenn- Find out more information on the proposed garden for the WPT building.
- 7) John-Ask Jim to start the Energy Star program for WPT buildings.