

West Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

7/2/2020 Meeting Minutes

Attending: John Matthews, Glenn Wenger, Warren Fox, Bryan Maher, Linda Reichert and Janet Parry  
(absent: Rich Pomeroy and Donna Switzer)

- 1) Call to order: 9:02 AM
- 2) Minutes from June 11, 2020 were approved.
- 3) Old business.
  - Ready for 100
    - a) Jim Wendelgass said it is not necessary to publically post meeting times for subcommittee meetings.
    - b) It will be a two pronged approach with the introduction of RF100 to WTP. Firstly, present RF100 to WPT BOS. Secondly, introduce RF100 to the WPT residents.
    - c) Ideal time to present to the WPT BOS to take advantage of a grant from PACEA that will need to be submitted by mid-August. The grant would be used for educating the residents, etc.
    - d) The RF100 subcommittee members will present a 20 minute synopsis of what is RF100 to WPT BOS on July 6, 2020. The WPT BOS meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. It's important that there is a representative from WPT EAC present at all the meetings from here on out.
    - e) A two stage process:
      1. John consulted Jim Wendelgass who is an advocate of RF100. He recommends that we pursue RF100 with WPT BOS. The surrounding townships are in the process of passing resolutions to join RF100. It is a non-binding task force for the township so it would be worth investigating according to Jim.
      2. Once WPT BOS is approached and in agreement to join RF100, WPT EAC should apply for a Grant with PACEA. EPT is the lead applicant and the more townships that join the stronger and cheaper it will be for all who join.
    - f) Grant is part of our township plans. \$3000.00 matched. Will go towards an energy consultant, educate the residents, etc. PP Grant is a county grant and can apply for it two times a year. Susan Elkin is helping with the writing of the grant.
    - g) WPT EAC members will write letters to ten neighbors on RF100.
    - h) Historical Yellow Springs is interested in renewable energy for the village.
    - i) Bryan had a consultant look at his solar panel plan. The PPA will need one acre for the WPT bill. Will need approximately 60 acres for the entire township. Walnut Lane Park was mentioned as a potential site for the PPA. He is still working out the kinks and after a WPT resolution, we can get the experts in.
    - j) Linda suggested the next activity for RF100 is a PECO energy audit of township owned buildings. Energy source is oil. Transition to a new energy is can be costly.
    - k) WPT BOS meetings. At the first meeting, subcommittee will present RF100 to the BOS. Second meeting, will ask for EAC to buy into RF100. Have the BOS vote between meetings. EAC will provide more information to BOS if needed. Third meeting with BOS, provide information on the regional plan.
  - Plants for Birds Program with the Audubon Society
    - a) 35 residents signed up. The transfer of the plants to the residents went smoothly. Janet helped Catherine Renzi with distributing the plants to the residents. Overall it was a

success. They expected to have 25 residents and were very happy with the number that signed up. Janet will ask Jeanne Ortez for photos for our website.

- b) Glenn distributed flyers in mail boxes to residents that had streams on their properties. He noticed that most of the streams in our area have good riparian buffers.
- c) It was suggested that maybe we should pursue naming the tributaries that go through their properties.

#### 4) New Business

- Contact WPT committees and educate them on RF100 and what WPT EAC is pursuing with WPT. Send them a link to the Sierra Club. WPT EAC will be working with the WPT committees in the future. We want to be partners. Bryan will be joining Linda on the Zoning Committee.
- New projects for EAC.
  - a) Walk the creeks in the Fall and clean up garbage. Contact Green Valley for their support.
  - b) Naming tributaries.
  - c) Educate residents on RF100
  - d) Plastics
  - e) Seed to Bread project with Walnut Lane Park and Enselma Mill. Our creeks are filled with sediment that originated from Mill pods when there were mills all along the creeks 200 years ago. John will apply to King Arthur Flour for a grant. He proposes to use land at Walnut Lane Park, Penn State heritage grains. Use the land to grow wheat to show how proper farming techniques help prevent sediment run off. Will purchase ovens to bake the bread after it is ground at Enselma Mills. Need to contact Ernie Hollings for the collaboration.

#### 5) Meeting Adjourned 10:03 (Next meeting August 6, 2020)

#### Action Items:

- 1) John- Contact Ernie Hollings about the Seed to Bread Project.
- 2) Janet- Contact Jeanne Ortez for photos from the Plants for Birds Project.