

West Pikeland Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
8/13/2020 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 9:02 AM
- 2) Minutes from July 2, 2020 were approved.
- 3) Old business.
  - Ready for 100
    - a) The RF100 subcommittee is participating in every WPT BOS meeting. So far, the subcommittee has introduced RF100, gave them details on RF100 and now would like the BOS to approve the resolution for WPT.
    - b) There has been push back from the BOS. They were concerned that the examples they were given were not like WPT. They wanted a specialized WPT resolution.
    - c) The RF100 subcommittee emailed out a specialized WPT resolution to the BOS and the WPT EAC. The subcommittee selected WVT and Charlestown Township to use as comparisons for the specialized resolution. Linda will contact Jim Wendelgass to see if he has heard any feedback from the BOS on the specialized WPT resolution.
    - d) Requests from the BOS: They want us to educate the residents on RF100 to get input from the residents before voting on a resolution. We will have to coordinate with Jim via emails/printed info/survey/Zoom meeting with township members along with coordinating with the Sierra Club.
    - e) Bryan talked with Karen Walter (Executive Director) at Historic yellow Springs. Here is his synopsis of their meeting:
      1. I met with Karen, the director of Historic Yellow Springs, last Friday
      2. She was very receptive to the idea; however, she does not feel they use enough power to justify the solar field for their use alone. She'd like the field to power the township and possible community members if it were to be installed.
      3. Given the public utility code of PA, community solar projects are not permitted.
      4. The HYS project is on hold while I work to engage state representatives & senators to amend the utility code.
      5. Once community solar projects are permitted I will re-engage Karen for the solar field installation.
    - f) Regional Planning: Henry Alexander is an advocate for communal solar energy (Can someone let me know what his title is please?). Paul Friel is running for HD-26 from Phoenixville. He is backed by the Sierra Club. Bryan interviewed him and informed him about RF100. Contact State Senator Katy Muth about RF100. She is a big proponent of environmental issues.
    - g) For the next EAC meeting, discuss the educational piece for WPT residents. Use the newsletter format Donna put together for us in the past.
  - Audubon Plants for Birds Program: Maybe expand this program with Green Valley. Put together a presentation or email actions our township residents can do without streams on their property.
  - Communication with WPT Residents:
    - a) WPT EAC website is out of date- Need to add RF100.
    - b) Send out a letter to residents on RF100. Bryan will update the previous one he sent out to us before.

- c) Send out updated letter on RF100 to the Committee Chair of the other WPT Government entities. In the future they will be involved in the program.
  - d) Use the WPT website and Chesco to send out our information.
- 4) New Business
- Paper shredding and electronic disposal for WPT residents. Connect with other townships. Donna will reach out to Rapid Recycling to find out more information.
  - Grant Cycle and alternative energy microgrid awareness. John will keep in touch with Ernie Holling for this program.
  - Green Valleys and riparian buffer. Present to the WPT residents. Linda will resend and use the same email address- make a new one (Please add to this- I did not get very much info at our meeting).
  - New projects for EAC.
    - a) Subcommittees for new projects.
    - b) Ideas for new projects: Water subcommittee (including Lawn chemical use reduction), Waste reduction subcommittee.
    - c) Will discuss at next meeting.
- 5) Meeting Adjourned 10:02 (Next meeting September 3, 2020)

Action Items:

- 1) Linda- contact Jim Wendelgass to see if there is any feedback from BOS on the specialized WPT resolution.
- 2) Update EAC-WPT website.
- 3) Bryan- Update the letter to send out to the WPT Residents and the other WPT government entities.
- 4) Donna- reach out to Rapid Recycling for paper shredding and electronic disposal for WPT residents.