

West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

3/1/2022 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: John Matthews, Bryan Maher, Glenn Wenger, Rich Pomeroy, Donna Switzer, Linda Reichert, Janet Parry (via phone). Public attendance- Kathy Hughes and Sarah Newman

- 1) Call to order: 7:32 PM
- 2) Agenda approved with additions under New Business
- 3) Minutes from January 4, 2022 were approved after changes are made.
- 4) No public comment
- 5) Old Business
  - a. Pesticide speaker event recap: (Glenn) feedback about Mike McGrath included being unprepared and not on-point. It was pointed out that McGrath did, in fact, speak about lawns and pesticides, as requested by WPT EAC, but that there had been differing expectations from some of the listeners. A Uwchlan Township EAC member wrote a scathing note to McGrath and asked him to return his speaking fee. McGrath offered to have the UT portion donated to a charity of their choice. Bryan will reach out to McGrath and let him know the bulk of his fee will be paid to him; Glenn will reach out to UT to ask where they want their portion donated.
  - b. Tree Planting at Pine Creek Park (Kathy) Event date: April 9 (April 10 raindate); The EAC extended deep thanks to Sarah for the work and planning she has done/is doing to support the tree-planting initiative. Sarah has put together a detailed timeline (too detailed for these minutes!) for implementation of all tree-planting activities. Notice of the event, in tandem with an active Sign-Up Genius form, will go public on website and social media in the next few days. Discussion about mulch ensued, with an agreement to get a dump of loose mulch at the planting site, with volunteers distributing mulch via wheelbarrows. Sarah recommended using the planting event as an opportunity to reach out to community leaders, politicians, BOS members, news media. **WHO IS REACHING OUT TO MUTH, HOWARD, ETC.?**
  - c. EAC Posters: deep thanks to Kathy for the beautiful posters!
  - d. Library book discussion about "Nature's Best Hope" and Homegrown National Park (HomegrownNationalPark.org) , in collaboration with EAC; Event Date: April 22, 5-6 PM at the Chester Springs Library (Linda) Linda will write blurb for library and EAC websites and newsletter, and will stay in touch with librarian Nancy Niggel. John will secure a Homegrown Nat'l. Park speaker for participation in the discussion.
  - e. Shredding Event: March 26, 9-12 at the Township Building (Donna). Donna will have EAC newsletter for distribution; EAC members will post lawn signs; Melissa will publicize on website and social media
- 6) New Business
  - a. EAC member and officer term renewals (Bryan) This discussion is postponed until the next meeting due to limited time
  - b. Next "working session": April 29, 5-? at Linda's house
  - c. EV police vehicle (John): BOS will purchase a new police SUV (gas combustion engine) for Chief Clark; John noted (during Public Comment) that the purchase should be delayed until

- after the formal evaluation/recommendation by energy consultant, scheduled for March 3.  
The BOS voted to delay the purchase.
- d. Next highway cleanup (Bryan) TBD
  - e. BOS has requested advice from EAC on new (LED) lightbulbs for township parking lots. Bryan will check with VPP consultant.
  - f. Glenn will email EAC recommendations re: battery recycling; also possible implementation of “associate members” of EAC, as a way to extend involvement in EAC activities to the broader community.

Meeting adjourned 8:42

Next meeting: April 5, 7:30 PM