

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

9/3/2020 Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 9:05 AM
- 2) Minutes from August 13, 2020 were approved.
- 3) Old business.
 - Solid waste recycling/shredding event for WPT residents- Donna
 - a) We will not do electronics or hazardous waste. Chesco landfill will take the electronics and waste for free. Need to get this information out to WPT residents via link to website.
 - b) We will go forward with a paper shredding event. Need to determine where (WPT building parking lot), how long (3 hour period), how much (two companies, ProShred and J and K Shred with two different rates). Who will pay for this (WPT)? Look into a mid-November event on a Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
 - c) There is a new communications employee at WPT and usually has items taken care of within 24 hours.
 - d) We will need volunteers to help at the event and it will be a good opportunity to get RF100 surveys out to the residents.
 - e) This event was approved by the council.
 - Riparian Buffer presentation by guest speakers Vicki Laubach (Executive Director of Green Valleys Watershed Assoc). and Ed Theurkauf (of Theurkauf Planning and Design)
 - a) William Penn in association with the Delaware watershed initiative. They have been working on this program for seven years and they have an extension because of COVID.
 - b) They discussed WPT buffer ordinance or the riparian buffer zone of our waterways. They would like to tweak the current ordinance to provide better water quality with our water systems. Eventually this will lead to changing the designation of Pickering Creek Watershed to Exceptional Value.
 - c) Ed is working with the township ordinances and ideally they want a 150 ft riparian buffer on WPT waterways. This is what is required to get the EV designation. Right now it is 100 ft.
 - d) They would like to work with WPT EAC to educate the WPT residents on this issue. Put information on our website.
 - e) They presented to East Vincent Township BOS and WPT BOS.
 - f) All Headwaters and any perennial streams are covered. Buffer consists of natural vegetation- not grass- wooded riparian is best and meadow is ok. These ordinances apply to all private, public, farming lands.
 - g) The benefit of changing the Pickering Creek Watershed from High Quality to Exceptional Value would be if future planning for a subdivision.
 - h) Vicki is going to pass on the information that was used to educate new Bryn Coed land owners for West Vincent Township. Need to get this out to new Bryn Coed land owners in WPT.
 - Lawn Care chemicals and Run off Hand out to Residents- Glenn
 - a) How to disseminate the information. Facebook/Website/CHESCO
 - b) Then what? Glenn suggested he can go to their homes to help with the initial planning.

- c) Maybe include businesses in our township (landscapers, Yellow Spring Farms). Contact Ed Theurkauf for possible recommendations.
- d) Glenn will need to contact Jim W. with the Township to see if we need BOS approval.
- e) Decided to postpone this until after RF100 resolution.
- RF100
 - a) Linda, John and Glenn are training with the Sierra Club on transition to renewables, which is a 5 week course.
 - b) Two documents: 1) Permission for Sierra Club to get audit of electricity. 2) 2019 Energy usage form of WPT.
 - c) New resolution for WPT decision is put off to September 21.
 - d) WPT EAC members will write letters to WPT residents asking for their participation in the WPT BOS September 21st meeting to show their support for the RF100 Resolution. Also, to ask the residents to write letters to the WPT BOS to show their support.
 - e) Bryan investigated the utility code to switch to renewables and townships. Need to contact state senators and representatives to change the code.
- 4) New Business: Regional Plan and grants- John
- 5) Meeting Adjourned 10:02 (Next meeting October 1, 2020 at Pine Creek Pavallion)

Action Items:

- 1) Donna- Finalize Paper Shredding Event for WPT residents.
- 2) Glenn- Ask Jim W. if we need BOS approval for his lawn program.