West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

10/1/2024 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Mike Leader, Glenn Wenger and Sarah Newman

1. Call to order: 7:32 PM
2. Agenda was approved after Conserve PA Lightening Round information on next CEPT phase for 2025 added to New Business.
3. Minutes from Sept. 10, 2024 were approved.
4. Public Comment: none
5. Committee Rep. updates:

**Bryan:** BOS- none

**Glenn**: Open Space- A community member is interested in getting Oen Space/Easement status for their property.

**Sarah:** none

1. New Business
2. Next CETP phase in WPT for 2025- Mike: To get WPT residents motivated to participate in CETP, the kick off started with the Sustainable Saturdays.

* WPT has already made low cost changes (such as switching to LED light bulbs). Will need to set up a working session with member(s) of WPT BOS to discuss the possible installation of solar panels in the community. Looking at a small solar field, which will not be a major source of energy generation. Tom and Carin would like to participate in the working session. Come up with a plan/guide and targets to recommend to the BOS 2-5 years in the future. Bryan will focus on Solar energy for WPT. Suggest a EV charging station in Walnut Ln. Parking lot. Solar fields were suggested for the parks (especially canopy over parking lot), but some people find them to be an eyesore. Negatives for this kind of project- Running lines to the field is very expensive and not sure if PECO’s grid can handle the power generated from the solar field. Tom call PECO to find out.
* 2025 Sustainable Saturday ideas- start in March: 1) Garden 101 (veggie garden)- Glenn. 2) Taking care of Well and Septic Systems (why we have the ordinance to keep the septic systems in WPT working properly and our water ways safe). Penn State is a great resource and maybe they could present. Not sure if this would be well attended. Since the WPT newsletter gets 100-150 views a month, it was suggested to write a preemptive article in the newsletter to see if there’s any interest. If not, use the Newsletter to disseminate the info. 3) Create your own Bird Property. Partner with WPT Parks n Rec and have the presentation in one of the WPT parks. Check with organizations like We Conserve PA for ideas or have them present at a Sustainable Saturday event.

1. Remaining EAC Budget Expenditure- Everyone: $2000.00 will go towards the Oct HYS event, which we have $772.70 left. Planning on purchasing stakes and zip ties for tree maintenance and trash grabbers, but we will still have money left. Sarah will reach out to Harold for his resource of wooden stakes. At the next meeting, we will discuss what to do with the left over money. It was suggested to buy a canopy, a Roll out Pollinator Garden and/or a permanent WPT EAC sign.
2. Sustainable Saturdays(Solar and Batteries)- Bryan: Went great and was well attended- lots of questions.
3. Highway Cleanup date- Bryan: Saturday Nov. 16th, 9:00 AM to noon. Bryan will check with Shane for police safety coverage.
4. EAC Table for HYS Open House- Everyone: Event will happen on Oct. 20th from noon to 4:00 PM. If it rains it will occur indoors. Need people to man the booth- Mike will start at noon. Still need to cover more shifts. Posters, rain garden tri-fold handouts. Glenn will put together an informational handout using the top 10 tips that were used in the WPT Newsletters. Have mini-pumpkins as decorations and candy. Also advertise for Highway Clean-up and future tree maintenance volunteers. Bryan will collect the candy and pumpkins. Mike will print up signup sheets and provide clipboards.
5. EAC Table for Election Day (Nov. 5)- Everyone: Will have the same set-up used at HYS Open House. So far we have Glenn 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Mike noon-3:00 PM and Sarah 3:00 PM-5:00 PM. Maybe one more shift 5:00-6:30?
6. Old Business.
7. Youth Associate Member Application/Interview questions- Sarah- Everyone read over the handout and will discuss at next meeting. Postponed til next meeting.
8. Pine Creek Park Invasive Remediation plan update- Glenn: Will discuss at next meeting.
9. Invasive Olive Removal at Pine Creek Park- Oct 13th from 1:00PM – 3:00PM.
10. Topic for WPT Next Newsletter- Bryan: Summarize the 2024 Sustainable Saturdays.
11. Tip of the Day for next WPT Newsletter- Glenn: Leave the leaves-
12. Solar Ordinance Request- Bryan: Will present at next meeting. Need to coordinate with surrounding townships.
13. Announcements: Next meeting is Nov. 12, 2024 at 7:30.
14. Adjourn: 8:36 PM

Action Items:

1. Bryan- Find out cost of trash grabbers.
2. Sarah-Reach out to Harold for wooden stakes.
3. Bryan- Check with Shane to help with safety at the Trash Pick-up event.
4. Glenn- Put together a top 10 tips of the month for tables.
5. Bryan- Collect items for the HYS event table (pumpkins/candy/poster etc).
6. Mike- Put together sign up sheets and clipboards for the HYS table.
7. Mike- Summarize the 2024 Sustainable Saturdays for the Newsletter.
8. Glenn- Leave the Leaves for the Tip of the Month.