**West Vincent Township**

**Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 6, 2022 via Zoom**

**Attendees**: Donna Delany; Victoria Laubach; Carys Egan; Kathy McDevitt

**Regrets:** Wayne Piaskowski and the two new appointees

**Also attending:** Trish Poley; Beth Intoccia; Ashley Miscovich; Yvonne Brownlee; Dana Alan; Bernie Couris; Sara Shick; Suzanne Roth; Kathy Shillen; Call in user 1

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

**Select chair, vice chair, secretary**

***Motion to appoint Donna Delany as chair of the EAC.***

***1st: Carys Egan 2nd: Kathy McDevitt ALL APPROVED***

***Motion to appoint Carys Egan as vice chair of the EAC.***

***1st: Donna Delany 2nd: Kathy McDevitt ALL APPROVED***

***Motion to rotate EAC secretary duties:***

***1st: Carys Egan 2nd: Kathy McDevitt ALL APPROVED***

***Vicki Laubach to take minutes for January meeting***

**Minutes from Prior Meeting**

The minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

***Motion: The EAC approves the minutes for the December 2, 2021 meeting as corrected.***

***1st: Donna Delany 2nd: Carys Egan ALL APPROVED***

Liaisons to other committees – Donna has agreed to continue to be liaison to Open Space. Need volunteers for other committees, especially the Planning Commission.

**Current / Old Business**

* **January 15 seed give-away**

Bad weather date 1/16. Kathy, Carys, Suzanne volunteered to assist Donna. Donna will draft advertising and how-to video for posting on township website.

* **Michele Adams talk** – talk was postponed until content approved by township manager. There was discussion on the talk topic and at this point no changes to title anticipated.
* **EAC meeting date / time change** – the township would prefer to have all meeting start at 7 p.m. for consistency. The time limits participation of possible EAC members – i.e. Suzanne did not remain on the EAC due to the late meeting time. Current members would prefer an earlier time. Members will be polled on their date / time preferences.
* Rick Trailes, Natural Lands, will present the water-protective ordinance work he has done at the February EAC meeting.
* Donna has had the **Return on Environment** maps printed for use at public meetings / gatherings.

**Managers Report – N/A**

**Subdivisions / Land Development – N/A**

**New Business**

* **Communications Plan**

Donna reported on meeting with WVT staff, Kathy and Maria, and Dana Alan regarding the township communications for website, social media, and newsletter. There was discussion on how the EAC members / chair can be added to other committee’s correspondence. Also how the EAC chair / members get notified/informed in a timely manner on subdivision / land development proposals when they are recorded by the office and when site visits are planned.

Zoning Hearings with environmental issues should be reviewed by the EAC.

Work with other committees on communications – i.e. sustainability / Ashley.

* **MLK Volunteer Activities –** Donna suggested a vine removal from the trees around the Opalanie Park parking lot. Beth Intoccia / Litter Lifters planning a litter pickup in the area of Rt 401 & 100 / Weatherstone.

***Motion: EAC and Park & Rec are offering three activities to residents on January 17th, Opalanie Park vine removal, Hankin / Weatherstone Litter cleanup, litter pickup at your own home. The township will post on their website.***

***1st: Carys Egan 2nd: Donna Delany ALL APPROVED***

* **Community Day is planned for May 14th; Earth Day is April 22nd.** The EAC needs to begin to plan for these upcoming events.

**Updates from other Committees**

**Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Fair will be held at Community Day.

**Parks & Rec**

The February 7th BOS workshop will focus on trails

**Adjournment**

***1st: Vicki Laubach 2nd: Kathy McDevitt ALL APPROVED***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm