**West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council**

**April 7, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Donna Delaney, Vic Laubach, Carys Egan, Kathy McDevitt

**Not attending:** Ken Plummer, Elisabeta Polosca Sheehan, Wayne Piaskowski

**Also attending:** Rachel McKay, Dana Alan, Sara Shick, Martin Blumenthal

**Call Meeting to Order 7:07 PM**

**Approve Minutes of March EAC Meeting**

Motion to approve by Vic, Second by Donna

All in favor

**Current/Old Business:**

* **Amphibian Patrol** (Carys): March 7 event cancelled on advice of WVT Police Chief due to dangerous winds. Frogs have crossed.
* **Nature Club** (Donna): March 27 event was a success. About 10 volunteers had fun removing vines from tress along the Weatherstone Trail despite frigid weather.
* **Garden Club** (Donna):
* Local Girl Scouts helped plant milkweed seeds. 600+ milkweed plugs will be distributed to residents at Community Day on May 14. Milkweed plants will need to be prepared for distribution on May 13.
* Garden flats were ordered from North Creek Nursery for the Pollinator Pit Stop Garden in Evans Park. Flats will be picked up by Suzanne Roth and Sarah Taylor on May 20. A date is needed to get the extra plants ready for sale on May 25 at 5 PM. Donna will take orders for the 20 additional sets that are available. (Sets will be sold and distributed at Ludwigs Corner Horse Show grounds, NOT on WVT property.)
* **Birdtown** (Vic): Birdtown Logo and mission statement have been posted to WVT website.

**Manager’s Report:** None

**Subdivision/Land Development:** None at this time

**New Business:**

* **Nature Club:** Earth Day Event on April 23 (Rain Date: April 24) at 10 AM at Opalanie Park. Tree tube maintenance and vine removal. Possible nature walk, if time permits. Sarah Taylor may also develop a children’s activity. No liability waiver is needed within the township park.
* **Garden Club:**
* Plant Pollinator Pit Stop garden at Evans Park on Tuesday, May 24, at 5 PM. (Carys will bring bricks.) Rain date is Thursday, May 26.
* Extra pollinator garden plants will be sold at Ludwig’s Corner Horse Show grounds on May 25.
* An educational sign with possible QR code will be developed once the pollinator garden in established.
* West Vincent Elementary School students will plant milkweed seeds in milk jugs next school year. The WVES Children’s Programming Director, Jean McMenamin, will be organizing this in consultation with the PTA and the WVT EAC. Plants will hopefully be ready to be given to mothers for Mother’s Day.
* **Community Day on May 14, 10 AM – 3 PM:**
* ROE Map will be on display. Residents can find and mark their properties with push pins.
* Butterfly milkweed plants will be distributed with planting instructions.
* WVES students will draw 6” X 6” pictures of the monarch butterfly life cycle/ecosystem in school. Sarah Taylor will assemble select pictures into a “paper quilt” to be displayed behind the EAC table. The rest will be hung on a ribbon around the Community Day tent before being returned to the school/students.
* There will be an educational board displayed for the Pollinator Pitstop Garden.
* There will be sign-up’s for the 5 EAC Clubs: 1) Garden Club 2) Nature Club 3) Bird Club 4) Litter Lifters 5) Amphibian Patrol
* Provide an Education Survey to residents – What is your most important environmental issue?: stormwater, climate change, clean air/water, loss of biodiversity (pollinators, songbirds), herbicides/pesticides, reducing waste, protecting woodlands, access to nature/trails, other.
* EAC will participate in a WVT Scavenger Hunt for kids using a possible tic tak toe format. Monarch butterfly stickers will be used to mark the scavenger hunt.
* EAC table representatives will wear monarch butterfly wings.
* Sarah Taylor may organize a seed ball activity for kids.
* **Birdtown:** The next bird walk will be at Opalanie Park on June 18 at 7:30 AM (rain date June 25). Eric Hughes will lead at no cost. (Sign up will be available at Community Day EAC table.)
* **Stormwater management** articles will be posted on the WVT EAC webpage. EAC will address this issue in more depth come June.

**Committee Updates:**

* **Clean Energy Transition Team** (Kathy)**:** None
* **Litter Lifters** (Carys)**:** There are 2 litter removal events this weekend. Rt 410 clean-up from Henrietta Hankin Library to Ludwig’s Corner on Saturday, 4/9, 7 – 10 AM, followed by optional attendance at the Pancake Fundraiser for the Firehouse. Coldstream Rd. clean-up on Sunday, 4/10, at 1 PM. GVA Liability Waiver will be used since it’s not WVT. A 2nd French Creek clean-up in Phoenixville will be on Saturday, 5/21, at 7:30 AM. GVA Liability Waiver will also be used for this event.
* **Stream Naming:** None
* **BOS** (Sara and Dana)**:** New Creekside Park will be developed along French Creek Rd. and will likely involve parking and a fishing pier.
* **Phoenixville Regional Planning Committee** (Sara)**:** Work is being done to connect/expand the regional trail network.
* **Sustainability:** None
* **Parks & Rec:** None
* **Planning Commission:** None
* **Open Space Advisory Council** (Donna): Several WVT properties have been recommended to the BOS to purchase their TDA’s.
* **Historic Commission:** None

**Public Comment:** Martin Blumenthal of Saint Matthew’s Rd. spoke about the terrible damage his property and landscaping suffered as the result of PennDOT mistakenly spraying his land. After a lengthy struggle involving local politicians, he settled out of court for partial restitution. He currently displays a hand-made “No Spray” sign on his land. He supports the No Spray sign initiative that the WVT EAC has begun. There was a brief discussion of providing “No Spray” signs for free to WVT residents using EAC budgetary funds since it is not possibly to sell items directly through the township.

**Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kathy. Seconded by Donna.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**