**West Vincent Township**

**Environmental Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 7, 2022**

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

**Regrets:** Wayne Piaskowski; Elisabeta Polosca

**Also attending:** Sara Shick; John Granger; David Weber; Beth Intoccia; Dana Alan; Ken Alan; Ray Wagner

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

**Minutes from Prior Meeting**

The minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

***Motion: The EAC approves the minutes for the April 7, 2022 meeting.***

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

**Current / Old Business**

 **Pollinator Pitstop**

We gave out all 600+ plants, helped 11 people plant pitstop gardens, planted the demo pitstop garden, provided milkweed to the township gardener to plant around Evans

Park, gave milkweed to a Girl Scout troop and to Davey Waters to plant in the Community Garden, provided partridge pea seeds for the elementary school Earth Day celebration and for seed balls at Community Day.

177 people signed up on our email list – next step - email to 177 people welcoming them to our email list and letting them know what kind of info we will be sending out.

**Manager’s Report**

John asked the council what were their concerns about stormwater. The following comments were offered:

* Post proposed stormwater plans online
* Increase requirement from a 2-year storm
* Look at stormwater from a watershed basis
* Use modeling to look at how new stormwater projects impact / combine with the existing stormwater (What is the cumulative effect)
* Incentivize 100% capture and infiltration
* Increase penalties for violations
* Tree harvests on riparian buffers and steep slopes

John requested that the EAC create a page on the West Vincent website with stormwater information and create events, activities, information, etc. to refer people back to the website page. John stated the EAC should be educating the residents in the following areas – homeowner with property constructed prior to robust stormwater requirements; what residents can do on their property to better manage stormwater; talk to others and lead by example, why stormwater management is a public benefit.

Illustrate the ordinance and why it is important to stream health.

John mentioned some of the proposed changes, such as a sliding scale, for holding more water on a property over time.

It was suggested that the basin at Bryn Coed Preserve could have educational signage.

**Litter Lifters**

Beth Intoccia started an Instagram page for the Litter Lifters. She shared a handout on 2022 events to date and amount of litter collected.

**Bird Town**

The low attendance at the June 25 bird walk was discussed – factors were earlier start time, scheduling for first weekend after school let out. It was suggested our next bird walk be scheduled for late Sept/early Oct. Vic suggested including the Valley Forge Audubon Society in our walks to generate more interest.

**Clean Energy Transition Team (“CETT”)**

Kathy McDevitt reported that the first stakeholder meeting is planned for Monday July 25th at the Hankin Library. There is a limited list for the first meeting which will be led by I-spring.

**Stream Naming Project**

Vic Laubach met with East Nantmeal EAC representatives as they are also pursuing stream naming. A meeting of all townships interested is being discussed as well as pulling in the county.

**Subdivisions / Land Development**

John Granger will schedule a meeting with EAC members to go over the Spackman subdivision plans and the Kreger and Facciolo variance requests.

**Reports**

**Board of Supervisors**

The trail map produced by Ed Theurkauf was adopted; Comments re: Bennett property are due to the township by July 22 for an August 1st meeting; pond at Opalanie Park will be drained for work including removal of invasive phragmites plants.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Movie night being planned for August 26 with a rain date of August 27.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm