West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council

Sept. 1, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

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Call Meeting to Order 7:06pm

People Present: EAC Members Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Elisabeta Sheehan, Rachel McKay, Victoria Laubach, Wayne Piaskowski, (Kathy McDevitt on speakerphone – non-voting because not present)

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – July minutes

Current / Old Business:

* Report on West Chester Green Team Event - Chester County Grows – Tallamy inspired gardens and Homegrown National Parks – Aug. 27 – the West Vincent EAC represented Northern Chester County by presenting at an event to showcase countywide efforts to support biodiversity.

Subdivisions/Variance Applications

* Spackman – returns to ZHB Sept. 8
* Two new ZHB applications and one Subdivision/Land Development Application
  + Innabah lot line change – no apparent environmental impact
  + Birchrunville Rd. – no comment
  + Hunt Hill Rd. – A motion was made by Victoria Laubach, seconded, and passed unanimously - Vic will draft comment from the EAC thanking them for avoiding steep slopes and trees and requesting stormwater management care

New Business:

* Review of Forestry Ordinance updates
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously to support the draft of the Forestry Ordinance updates, with a suggestion to add more of the services provided by trees
* Stormwater management strategy
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously to create a Stormwater Management Education Subcommittee – Vic Laubach to lead, Carys and Wayne are committee members, Rachel photographer
  + We will continue to provide stormwater management information to the township for use on the website and social media
  + An update to the riparian buffer presentation given by Victoria Laubach and Ed Theurkauf will be scheduled after ordinance update complete – probably early 2023
  + Need to set dates for tours of stormwater management demonstrations at Villanova and Camphill Kimberton
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously for Vic to contact Clay Emersen to investigate Clay providing educational sessions to the township on storm basin evaluation and upkeep
* Bird Town Update – next Beginner Bird walk scheduled for Oct. 2, 8am at Opalanie Park in partnership with the Valley Forge Audubon Society.
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate $250 to the Valley Forge Audubon Society in gratitude for the help they have given WV this year and also $25 for a Wawa gift card for Eric Hughes
* Winter Tree ID walk
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed to engage Megan McCormick to lead a winter tree identification walk at Opalanie Park on Dec. 3 at 2pm, Dec 4 is the rain date
* Discuss connecting OJR students to our community projects – more updates next month
* Pollinator Pitstop Program – What’s Next?
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously to add spring and fall flowers to the pitstop in Evans Park before creating another pitstop.
  + It was discussed that when we make the final educational sign for the pitstop garden, incorporate the Homegrown National Park sign in some way
* Litter Lifter Update – Big cleanup on Rt. 100 on Nov. 12, Beth Intoccia continues to make progress in our county by helping to get our brand-new Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful going and by mentoring neighboring townships and groups.
  + A motion was made by Donna Delany, seconded, and passed unanimously to buy the Litter Lifters 10 more trash pickers
* Clean Energy Transition Team Update – they have been working with a consultant, meeting with stakeholders, and recording results
* Stream-Naming Project is progressing as talks continue with neighboring townships and the county
* Heritage Tree Project Update – the past information is being organized

Adjourned at 8:20pm