

MINUTES

WEST VINCENT
TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PA

SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE

Sustainability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Attending Committee Members: K. Reinbold – A. Misceovich – K. Miller
S. Austin – T. Kalusky **Attending Non-Members:** S. Shick (Township Supervisor) - D. Alan
(Township Supervisor) - Ken Alan (Parks & Recreation) – Kathy McDevitt (EAC)

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DATE: THIRD THURSDAY
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: WEST VINCENT
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1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman, Kirk Reinbold (Quorum present)
2. Minutes from February 19 2022 meeting approved.
3. Subcommittee Reports – Energy (Kirk):
 - 3/16 consultant at township – walked around building basement work shed, looking at hardware and equip for heating and cooling where thermostats are and LED lighting, data in addition to what they have to provide better audit on current standing
 - Identifying influencers and stakeholders (different) influencers are who they can – goal is to understand what communities attitude is on politics, etc
 - outreach specialist to help plan events (1-1 calls – public meetings) – solar ordinance and building codes, add incentives to what we have – EX: don't have to pay for permit for solar site, private or public?
4. Trash and Recycling (John/Kirk):
 - John met with Sara Shick (Township Supervisor) and John Granger (Township Manager)
 - Goal: Census above 5k – need to abide by PA Act 101
 - Develop trash and recycling education plan/outline
 - Learn more about haulers in WVT – invite to Community Day? Resources available to incorporate in education plan and/or on website (Sustainability Plan also addresses trash and recycling education)
 - New ordinance not presented to Supervisors – need ordinance from advisory committee (EAC, sustainability, planning committees)
5. Sustainability Plan (Kirk, Ken, and Tom):
 - 3 (three) meetings to date
 - Most recent plan: 61 (sixty-one) topics/initiatives – some interrelated and will be divided out between committee members
 - From most recent plan: Number 1 initiative was most important at that time, but not aligned with Township's current priorities
 - Examples from last plan:
 - #11 priority – require residents to pump septic systems every three years (in homeowners association – three-year rotation for service from one provider)
 - Does septic company collect data – recommending three years but not requiring? Consideration: Pollution laws are so strict now
 - #12 priority - Canadian Goose control on township land
 - Planted bushes to deter - successful

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- Individually priorities seem minor but together there is a large impact
 - Where will new priorities touch other committees – will engage appropriately and bring in experts where necessary
 - Need to set criteria on how to judge and measure – when we present updated plan, need to include supporting docs and data
 - Flag: Are these rankings of plan priorities based on Sustainability Committee or Township/Supervisors?
 - Next steps are being outlined and identifying priorities
6. Events and Communications (Kirk/Ashley)
- 8 (eight) to 10 (ten) energy businesses confirmed
 - Bee Association – county table
 - Two confirmed food vendors – asks out and waiting for responses – follow with Maria, Ken, Yvonne, and Ashley
 - Email from EAC, Sustainability, and Planning Committee(s) sent to WVT Elementary on how to engage kids in our committees – received quick response from WVT Elementary PTA for Earth Day Event – tentatively scheduled for Thursday before Community Day – ask to host in conjunction with Community Day and coordinate with PTA on educational event to hold
 - WVT T-Shirts - Steve can provide at cost and donate labor, need to coordinate design and feedback from committee
 - Communications:
 - o Maria (Township Staff) coordinating with committees for stories to share on website and newsletters (digital and print)
 - o John Barnett put together piece on recycling for next newsletter
 - o Need to look at content on website
 - Present at next committee meeting – Ashley to review and provide suggestions
 - Connect with Maria (Township Staff) on calendar and cadence for materials
 - Township to provide template for communications for committees to work from when sending to Township
 - Develop calendar of communications from committee – Ashley to draft and present at next meeting
 - ACTION ITEMS: calendar of communications – brainstorm website content
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:52p