



Sustainability Committee Meeting

Committee: Chris Taylor, Chairman
Tom Kalusky – Kirk Reinbold – Rhonda Ellis – Kip Archinal- Ned Foley –
Margot Green, members

Liaisons Reps: Dana Alan, Township Supervisor

Meeting: Third Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | West Vincent Township Building

June Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 19, 2024

In Attendance: Chris, Kip, Tom, Rhonda & Ned (Dana, Kirk & Margo absent)

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08 p.m.

Kathy McDevitt from EAC- here to answer questions.

No minutes from last meeting.

Discussed the Sustainability Plan: what is our next step after all have voted? Tom will send Chris his votes and then we will be able to finish with the Sustainability Plan.

- Focus for the remainder of the year?

Kathy from EAC is working on planning for education & working with other townships in the area. Working with a Community Advocate- maybe work on the items in the Sustainability Plan that relate to clean energy? We want to talk with Kirk on this one.

CETT- they are a subcommittee of the Sustainability Committee- Kip thinks we need direction from the supervisors as to having a subcommittee, or what constitutes a subcommittee?

- Kip- We should focus on global warming: changes in zoning; new construction should have to provide electricity for electric cars (**no. 7?**), no limestone concrete used in the township (**no. 14**), talk to the concrete owners that live in the township, purity of water in the township.

For the Ludwig's Carnival: Rhonda and Kirk signed up, Tom may join... What to display at the carnival: well water cap display? Copies of the Green Way Plan (**no. 40**)? Kirk will have stuff.

Welcome Wagon- type gift basket (**no.60**) filled with information or new residents. Maybe each committee could come up with a flyer with our goals and plans? Kathy: "Things we love about WV".

Kip mentioned Right to Know waste water treatment: (**no. 10**) it's a real hassle to communicate and get information from them, and they aren't reporting to the township, it's all sewage beside one development they provide water for. The township doesn't ask what they do with the sewage and how

they treat it. This company in places may own the land the pipes are on. This may be a concern. We are all on ground water except one small corner of the township, so this is a big concern.

- Ned would like to focus on **no.29 (no. 30-32 as well)** on the Sustainability Plan- township composting – the township doesn't want to do it, Ned has experience in composting. Thinking about a volunteer composting thing. Ned has talked to the Miller's about using their farm as a drop-off. Ned has a facility and lots of experience composting. Douglassville is the closest of his facilities and he has trucks.

Single use plastics: Kip can spearhead the art contest for the stickers or bags or whatever, just ask the kids to do it without saying it is not necessarily a contest. Should we ask township to pay for the bags?

Kip- does not want the phrase, "stitched handles" on the plastic bag ban ordinance. She will attend the BOS meeting to discuss this issue further. The expert we watched said it was important to have this in the ordinance, which is why there is some argument here.

Dana isn't here to ask about the plastic bag ban.

Yard sale (**no.56**): Who was supposed to check with Steve- we elected Kirk to see where we can insert the yard sale into another committee's activity.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

