



**West Vincent Township
Sustainability Committee**

Jun 18, 2025 | 📅 WV Sustainability Meeting

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10

Committee Attendance: Kip Archinal, Jack Playchak, Andrea Fonash, Chris Taylor, Jim Wendelgass-Liason

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Not enough present to vote

Manager's Report: None

Primary Business

- 1) stickers update
 - Kip brought in the packets of stickers
 - Response has been fantastic
 - Luncheon & 40 stickers were sent home
 - Printed 1500 total
 - Sent 2 packets to each home room for kids to take home
 - How far can we go with them? The bigger the message the better for sustainability. Shouldn't be limited to just West Vincent.
 - Kathy will take them to the EAC meeting.
 - Kathy suggested we put it in the Newsletter.
- 2) When will the joint meeting be held for representatives/members of all groups? Should we personally email or take copies of the new one.
 - Chris: best to discuss at a Township meeting
 - Workshop in September? With coffee & donuts? For an hour for the heads of the communities to delegate a committee member to attend. Send email to Tommy to request approval and ask for him to send out to committee heads.
- 3) Discussion of speakers or research we should do, including trips together for summer fun.
 - Andrea offered a BBQ at her pool for committee members.
 - Find out what rights we have through DEP, or testing ourselves, to find out what they are doing for purification of the sewage that we sold to Bucks County Water and confirm that what's released meets state standards.
 - Kip wants to reach out to the Millers regarding concrete & limestone





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- Chris: 6 companies handling recycling in our community and what are they actually recycling?
- Andrea: Beech Trees. Disease impacting that will impact all trees within our area. Arbor-Craft could potentially be a Township speaker. Keep trees healthy to help them survive future diseases.
<https://extension.psu.edu/beech-leaf-disease> : “Beech leaf disease is a disease that impacts American beech and several other species of beech. It is caused by a nematode, *Litylenchus crenatae* ssp. *mccannii*. It damages leaf buds which leads to leaf loss, canopy thinning, and aborted buds. Beech leaf disease has killed a large number of beech in the eastern United States and is increasing in both the severity and spread. In yard trees, there are several treatment methods, however, it should be noted that these treatments are expensive and research is still underway. In a forest setting, this treatment is expensive and typically not feasible. With beech leaf disease and beech bark disease on the landscape, American beech is imperiled.”
- 4) update on community outreach:
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- 5) update on community composting
 - Ned (through Chris): I am happy to report that progress is being made on the compost project. Jesse Miller and I have selected the location on the farm to conduct composting activities. We are awaiting a “pre application meeting” with the SE DEP to get their location blessing. Once received We can then begin the formal application process from there.
- From Kirk (through Kathy):
 - WVT invited to participate in PA-DEPs Shared Energy Manager program.
 - A climate action implementation program designed by the Energy Programs Office to assist local governments.
 - Actions to date:
 - Police vehicle fleet analysis (internal combustion vs. electric vehicles) and total cost of ownership. Available upon request
 - Small Rolling Equipment Electrification Analysis (utility vehicles [Gator] and riding mowers) and total cost of ownership. Available upon request
 - Confirmed registration of the current system as a “registered generator” with PA-PUC. PA Certification #: PA-4046268-SUN-I. It is a 7.2 kW DC generation system.
 - Memo forwarded to township for three alternative energy ordinances:
 - Residential solar – goal is to reduce perceived barriers to make it easier to install solar on your property





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- EV-ready for new construction or major reconstruction (at a minimum, run the conduit between garage location and panel)
- Solar-ready for new construction or major reconstruction (at a minimum, run the conduit between roof location and future panel/meter location)
- Yet to do:
 - Contact McComsey, manufacturer of the Public Works building, to determine strength of the roof and cost to increase strength due to the additional weight of solar panels.
 - Consider fixes to Public Works roof to prevent current leaks.
 - Fact sheet: fossil fuel furnaces vs heat pump systems low temperature operation

8:23pm Meeting is adjourned

