



West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council
December 4, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

Called Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Attendance:

Committee members: Barb Mako, Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Kathy McDevitt,
Rachel McKay
Supervisor Liaison: Dana Alan
Additional attendees- Carl Manthey, Max from Toll Brothers

November Minutes unanimously approved

Manager's report - none

Healthy Yard Recognition – no new applicants

Subdivision, Conditional Use, Variance Applications – none

Zoning Hearing Board – how the EAC can have a positive effect – we are permitted to call a special meeting if our regular meeting date falls in such a way that our recommendations cannot get to the Supervisors in time. The special meeting must be announced 48 hours ahead of time.

Nature Tenders

- Tree tube planting – in January, figure out how to protect the young volunteer trees. Do we have enough tree tubes? Should we try sheep wool?
- Review Stream Creatures Educational event
 - We would like to involve high school and elementary school students – elementary school could involve a project that they could walk to on the Weatherstone Trail creek – ask Nurse Becky in January – contact high school science teachers re Wilson's Park for a spring project.

- Best time for another leaf pack evaluation according to Carl would be 2nd to last Saturday in March, high school students would need to help with set up in Jan or Feb
- Write an article summarizing event and findings
- A dozen residents participated in our October 18th watershed education held beside French Creek at Wilson's Corner Park. We counted the visible lifeforms that inhabited submerged "leaf packs" and learned how they are used to monitor water quality. Over 280 individual creatures were counted. Of these, 75% were larvae of mayflies, stoneflies, and caddisflies which indicated the water was clean and rich in oxygen. Based on a scoring system developed by Stroud Water Research Center, the Pollution Tolerance Rating was determined to fall in the "Excellent" category, consistent with the state designation of this section of French Creek as a stream of "Exceptional Value".
- Review Tree ID walk – Fabulous! Martha Cownap was wonderful. We hope she will lead another ID walk for us.

Pollinator Pitstop

- Think about 2026 Plant of the Year! We will pick one in Jan. Donna nominated Wild Petunia (*Ruellia humilis*)

Healthy Yard

- Pesticide Alert page is up on West Vincent's website — we established the goal of raising awareness in April through social media posts and through our email group. We can use simple, clear language on the EAC webpage to direct people to the information.

Data Center Ordinance Update

- Motion – Donna made a motion to ask our Supervisors to urgently work on adopting ordinance language that would limit the negative effects of a Data Center on our township. Please protect us quickly. Rachel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Birdtown – nothing this month

Nature Book Club Review – attendance was lower than usual, which was attributed to inclement weather and the timing. Early December, in the middle of the holiday



season when people are busy, is possibly not a good time to schedule. Carys suggested that we plan the next one for mid-summer. Possible book selections:

- Backyard Bird Chronicles, Amy Tang
- A Sand County Almanac, Aldo Leopold
- Crow Planet, Lyanda Lynn Haupt

The committee thanked Kathy McDevitt for her 6 years of service on the EAC.

Updates From Other Committees - none

Public Comment - Max, a representative of Toll Brothers, came to answer any questions we might have in preparation for our discussion in January. We requested a site visit before our meeting. Max will check with the owner of the property.

Adjourn Donna made a motion to adjourn at 8:32, Barbara seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Future Dates

EAC January Meeting January 8

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany



