



West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council
March 5, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

Called Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Attendance:

Committee members: Barbara Mako, Carl Manthey, Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Holly DeCovny, Rachel McKay
Supervisor Liaison: Dana Alan
Kirk Reinbold, Kathy McDevitt

Minutes

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes of the Feb 5 meeting; Carys seconded; the minutes of the Feb. 5 meeting were unanimously approved

Healthy Yard Recognition – no new applicants

Subdivision, Conditional Use, Variance Applications

The committee reviewed the conditional use application of the Pulte Group and felt there were no environmental recommendations at this time.

Salt Watch

Donna and Carl participated in Stroud's Salt Watch today. Water was monitored in 6 places in West Vincent in the Pickering Creek watershed. 4 home schooled students and their mothers helped sample. The results should be available soon.

Township Building Drinking Water

The township is looking favorably upon installing a water bottle filler/water fountain. Until that can be installed, there will be a water dispenser that uses large, interchangeable water bottles put in the lobby.

Nature Tenders

- We are all ready for next week's live stake demo.
- We are ready for our Earth Day event on April 25, 10-12:30. We decided to hold our native plant swap at the same time.
- Callery Pear Replacement Project/Fall Planting along Weatherstone Trail

- Carl volunteered to count the pear trees, photograph, and measure the distance in between to see if there is room to start younger native trees between the established pears
- It was pointed out that Phoenixville had to replace pears, because their roots caused the sidewalk to buckle and costly repairs. They are on the PA Noxious Weeds list. <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/plants-land-water/plant-industry/noxious-weeds-and-controlled-plants/controlled-plant-noxious-weed-lists>
- Redbuds and serviceberry were suggested as replacement trees
- We should schedule a time to talk with the HOA to share what we have found and see what their thoughts are.

Pollinator Pitstop

- Donna made a motion to hold the spring Native Plant Swap at the same time as the Nature Tenders event. Carys seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- It was suggested that we host a screening of the film The Extraordinary Caterpillar. We determined a good time for the screening would be Feb or March 2027
- Discussed having a non-quorum meeting to review Native Plant Lists in Ordinances/SALDO. Could discuss making “buckslips” for our healthy yard and pollinator pitstop program to give out at events and leave in township building lobby. The healthy yard ones could be given out in new developments.



Healthy Yard

- Carys will pursue the planning of the Healthy Yard Garden Tour. We have a tentative date for our Healthy Yard Garden tour of June 27 with a rain date of June 28.

Birdtown –

- We are ready for the Woodcock Walk. We hope the woodcocks are ready, too.
- Holly is researching lead poisoning in wildlife, especially birds. The goal is to raise awareness.

Plastic bag ordinance – awareness needs to be raised in the Ludwigs Village Shops as to the plastic bag ordinance.

Updates From Other Committees – Kirk Reinbold and Kathy McDevitt described the CETT’s suggestion that the township install more solar panels while funding is available. Funding may run out at the end of 2026

Donna made a motion township to ask the township to move quickly to install a solar array to cover energy useage before IRA rebate opportunity expires to save tax payer money, especially considerng rapidly increasing electric costs, and CO2 savings over the next 30 years, Barbara seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Public Comment - none

Adjourn Carys made a motion to adjourn at 8:43, Rachel seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Future Dates

Northern Chester County EAC Gathering – March 7, 9am, Welkinweir

Live Stake Demo/Giveaway – March 14, 10am, Griffith Farm’ rain date March 15

Woodcock Walk – March 13. 6:30pm Opananie Park rain date March 14

Chester County Household Hazardous Waste event – April 18, Technical College High School – Pickering Campus

Native Plant Swap and Nature Tenders Earth Day Event - April 25, 10am – 12:30pm. Opananie Park, rain date April 26

Bird Town Clutch meeting – May 17, 1pm, Backyard Nature Preserve

Healthy Yard Garden Tour – tentatively June 27/rain date June 28

The Extraordinary Caterpillar screening – Feb or March 2027



Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany

Upcoming Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Event

****Online Registration Required****

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026	Technical College High School – Pickering Campus 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026	Coatesville CCIU Center 1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 (Stone walled entrance– Veteran’s Drive –Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026	Oxford School District Administrative Building 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026	Downingtown West High School 445 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335

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