



West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council  
April 2, 2026, 7:00 P.M.  
Minutes

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:00pm

**Attendance:**

Committee members: Barbara Mako, Carl Manthey, Drew Wallace, Donna Delany,  
Holly DeCovny, Rachel McKay  
Supervisor Liaison: Dana Alan

**Minutes**

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5 meeting; Rachel seconded; the minutes of the March 5 meeting were unanimously approved

**Healthy Yard Recognition** – no new applicants

**Subdivision, Conditional Use, Variance Applications**

The committee reviewed the updates to the Toll Brothers plan and amended their initial letter to the supervisors. Barbara made a motion that we submit a revised letter of recommendations to address the new plans submitted by toll Bros on 02/24/2026.

**Salt Watch Report**

The results should be available soon.

**Nature Tenders**

- Live Stake Demo – not well attended. No one other than EAC members came. We believe this could be due to the change of location and the long frozen winter.
- We are ready for our Earth Day event on April 25, 10-12:30. Barbara made a motion to use at most \$60 for new stakes. Donna seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Callery Pear Replacement Project/Fall Planting along Weatherstone Trail
  - Carl counted the pear trees, photographed, and measured the distance in between to see if there is room to start younger native trees between the established pears. There is room, and if the HOA agrees, we could plant redbuds in between the existing pears. We need to reach out to HOA.



- 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>
- Redbud and serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) 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.
- Carl went to an informational session on the PA Invasive Replacive program. He asked if this program could be used in a situation like this, and he was told no. Carl will write up info on the program and Donna will post it in case any WV residents are interested.

### **Pollinator Pitstop**

- Holly made a poster for the Plant Swap!
- The Pitstop was weeded and stems cut back for bees before the meeting.
- Donna and Barbara reviewed the native plant list and street tree list in WV ordinances. They created a draft of updated changes and presented it to the committee. After discussion, Donna made a motion to pass these suggested changes on to the Supervisors and Manager, Barbara seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Healthy Yard**

- Carys, Barbara, and Donna will meet to begin to plan the Healthy Yard Garden Tour.
- Charlene Briggs gave us a tour of the Pesticide Alert page. Once you know how to use it, it is easy to look up chemicals and find out if they are harmful. We discussed making it easier to find and easier instructions to use.
- We discussed that it would be useful to contact new residents and provide them with info about the township such as:
  - Garbage collection
  - Township governance
  - Volunteer committees
  - Township website
  - Parks, open space, we really care about our land
  - Clean air and water
  - Pesticide free

### **Birdtown –**

- Lights Out for Birds – West Pikeland made popular signs to alert people to turn outside lights off during bird migration. People in West Vincent also want them.



Barbara made a motion to spend no more than \$200 to make signs, Donna seconded, the motion passed unanimously. The township will put them up on township land and give out to interested homeowners.

- The Woodcock Walk was wonderful! About 50 people attended. We heard woodcocks 'peent' and we heard their spiral flight, but it was too dark to see it.
- We are ready for the Purple Martin talk. The condo is being monitored.
- We are ready for Bird Song
- Holly is researching lead poisoning in wildlife, especially birds. The goal is to raise awareness. We discussed making a sign for lead and fishing line collection at the Township Building pond and at Wilson's Corner. Holly will try to have an informational poster ready by the Trout Rodeo. Non-polluting sinkers, such as those made from steel, tin, bismuth, brass, or tungsten, are safe, lead-free alternatives that prevent water toxicity and fish poisoning. We ran out of time for more discussion.



**Updates From Other Committees – none**

**Public Comment - none**

**Adjourn** Donna made a motion to adjourn at 9:23, Rachel seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Future Dates

Purple Martin Presentation and Condo Tour – April 13, 6:30, Township Building  
Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA). <https://www.purplemartin.org/>  
Chester County Hazardous Waste event – Saturday, April 18 – Technical College High School – Pickering Campus – need to register online  
Nature Tenders/Native Plant Swap/Pitstop Plant Giveaway - April 25, 10am – 12:30pm. Opalanie Park, rain date April 26  
Bird Town Clutch meeting - May 17, 1pm – Backyard Nature Preserve  
Bird Song - Thurs, May 21 6pm, Township Building  
Healthy Yard Garden Tour – tentatively June 27/rain date June 28

Future Dates

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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