



**West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

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July 2, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:01pm

Attendance:

Committee members: Carl Manthey, Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Holly DeCovny,
Rachel McKay
CETT – Kirk Reinbold
Charlene Briggs
Supervisor Liaison Dana Alan
Healthy Yard Recognition Recipient Peggy Glaser
Deborah Harding

Minutes

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

Healthy Yard Recognition – Peggy Glaser received Healthy Yard Recognition and a lawn sign

Data Center Ordinance – passed by Supervisors

Street Tree and Native Species Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors will consider our updates at their September 21 meeting

Community Choice Aggregation Resolution was also passed by the supervisors.

Salt Watch

Carl sampled water in streams in the Pickering Creek Watershed in West Vincent in
June, assisted by Dawn Fryer and her 2 children.

Newsletter

The next semi-annual newsletter will be mailed to all property owners in the Township
on/about September 1. Articles due by Wednesday, July 15. . Articles with a 75 to125 word
count work best. The following people agreed to write articles:

Purple martins - Rachel

Ask drew about writing about meadow



Botanical sanctuary - Charlene

Donna will look for an already written leave your leaves article

lead poisoning Holly

healthy yard tour – Donna will work on an article

Nature Tenders

- Carl is giving a Firefly talk at Green Valleys on July 10!
- Barbara and Carl have been working on tree tube maintenance
- Botanical Sanctuary – Charlene reported that a beautiful new fence, gate and sign have been installed. Next step is for weeding, laying cardboard and wood chips. Carys volunteered to look at site next week with Charlene and assist before the end of July. The plants that were already planted are doing well!
- Park and Rec has invited us to visit Wilson's Corner Park with them in August to brainstorm on BMP.

Pollinator Pitstop

- Fellowship Trail opening report – it was a huge success – Carl and Holly gave away 100 plants to 50 people and met lots of new folks
- Fall Plant swap – we intend to have one in Sept. Will discuss at next meeting

Healthy Yard

- The Mosquito Prevention Kit – aka mosquito bucket and dunk giveaway started tonight. 10 buckets were given away and 10 more left on the porch for people to pick up. There was a lot of email and social media interest. More people may have come to get buckets tonight if it hadn't been for the 100 degree heat.
- The Healthy Yard Garden Tour was a big success. Carys and Barbara were thanked for creating the tour, planning, and executing. 20 people participated. A couple people who signed up couldn't come because we needed to use the rain date. Carys suggested a self guided tour might be more popular, although it was suggested this might be harder on the hosts.
- We are waiting on the county for updates on the lawn-to-meadow conversion.

Birdtown –

- The Kestral Box has 5 babies - 3 females 2 males – they were banded – Lauren James and her children came
- Purple Martin condo updates – gourd #1 has 3 hatchlings – 1 egg in gourd 2- gourd 4 eggs has 4 eggs (this where the bird banded in Charlestown last year lives) – there were eggs in gourd 8, eggs now gone 2 – total of 8 purple martins adults



- Lead Poisoning Awareness updates – Holly in contact with the county to make a plan to raise awareness of the problem and address it – she needs more volunteers – Donna requested that Holly write up the kind of volunteer help she needs and Donna will share with NCC-EAC group
- We should keep an eye out for when the trout rodeo will be scheduled next year, so we have more info prepared.

Plastice Bag Ordinance – the ordinance is working better, we agreed that we need a cute, laminated sign for shopkeepers to put in their window so no one blames them for not having plastic bags and charging for paper bags. Donna will gather what she has from other townships and see if Lynn would be able to create something for our township. We should try to find the “don’t forget your bag” stickers from the SusComm and give them to shopkeepers to give out.

Updates From Other Committees – Kirk reported for the CETT that:

- The community choice aggregation resolution was signed by the Supervisors!
- Our township has started the process of acquiring a solar array for the public works building that would provide 60% of the township’s own electricity use. This has safe harbored the project so that we qualify for at least a 30% discount and potentially more. Thank you to our Supervisors and manager!

Public Comment - none

Adjourn Rachel made a motion to adjourn at 8:05, Carys seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Future Dates

Fall Fest, Opalanie Park, October 10

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany



