West Vincent Township Environmental Advisory Council
October 1, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:06pm

Attendance

Committee members: Barbara Mako, Carl Manthey, Carys Egan, Donna Delany, Drew Wallace, Holly DeCovny
Supervisor Liaison Dana Alan
Park & Rec Chair Ken Alan

Minutes

Donna made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. meeting; Barbara seconded; the minutes of the Sept. meeting were unanimously approved

Healthy Yard Recognition

No new applicants

Fall Fest

The EAC discussed our presence at Fall Fest.

Nature Tenders

- Carys made a motion that we purchase at least one bald cypress to plant on the south side of the Griffith pond. Donna seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Carys volunteered to go to Gardner's Nursery to see if any trees are still available. We will then contact the township for permission.
- Nature Tenders event Nov. 14, 10am – Rain date Nov 15 Remove invasives along creek in Opalanie

Healthy Yard

- A resident has requested a Healthy Yard visit, and a date has been selected.
- Lawn to meadow update – the contractor has begun site preparation. The county is holding a meeting on maintaining the meadow. Drew and Carl are planning to attend. Volunteer hours need to be tracked. We are supposed to send them into treasurer@WestVincent. We would like to get a copy of the species of seeds that are planted in the meadow.
- PECO Pesticides – Dana found out from her PECO contact that West Vincent will be sprayed with herbicide in 2027 on PECO owned properties and right-of-ways. We could alert residents and offer no spray signs. PECO is aware that this township is not in favor of widespread herbicide use.

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Bird Town

- Plan our Birds and Brews (cider) Owl Haunt next month.
- Representatives of the PA Game Commission are coming Friday @9:30am to select a site for the chimney swift tower that they are giving us. Evans Park and possibly Opalanie. Ask about owl box.
- Donna made a motion that Valley Forge Audubon be invited to lead a Halloween Bird Walk at Opalanie Park at 8:30am. The public will be invited to come in a costume if they wish. During the walk, we would talk about the spooky birds of Halloween and the costume changes that many birds go through in the fall. Carys seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Lead Poisoning Awareness – Holly is now working with Bird Town and WeConserv PA to raise awareness!

Updates From Other Committees – none

Public Comment - none

Adjourn Carys made a motion to adjourn at 8:06; Donna seconded, the motion passed unanimously

Future Dates

Chimney Swift Tower meeting, townhsip building, Oct. 9, 9:30am
Fall Fest, Opalanie Park, October 10
Healthy Yard visit, Oct. 6, noon
Oct. 31, 8:30am -Halloween Bird Walk – Opalanie Park
Nov. 14 - Nature Tenders event, 10am – Rain date Nov 15, Opalanie Park
Early December or at best owl courtship time – Birds & Brews (Cider), Opalanie Park

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Delany