West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

12/9/21 Meeting Minutes

Attending: John Matthews, Linda Reichert, Bryan Maher, Janet Parry, Glenn Wenger, Donna Switzer, Rich Pomeroy, Kathy Hughes, Sarah Newman

1. Call to order: 7:32 PM
2. Agenda approved
3. Minutes from last meeting approved
4. Public Comment
5. Storm-water management: 1881 Art School Road creation of lake and bridge with no permit; construction continues despite DEP cease-and-desist order. EAC strongly deplores this action and asks BOS to act
6. Old Business
7. Discussion about asking Mike McGrath to host in-person lecture at WCU; committee felt the cost and non-township-oriented scope made this undesirable. EAC would be supportive of a Zoom event w/McGrath and would share the cost, up to $100, w/other townships. Glenn will follow up.
8. Tree planting: 350 total trees approved by BOS for planting; includes stakes, tubes, bird nets. Delivery date end of March/beginning of April. Target date for community planting is April 9, with prep work to be done in prior week. More details later. Kudos to Sarah for shepherding this initiative!
9. Roadside cleanup: Success all-round and thanks to all for a total of 50 bags of gross trash plus plenty of tires.
10. NatLands mowing: subject tabled until more info is gathered.
11. Northern Chester Co. EAC gathering recap: excellent sharing of ideas and progress. EACs are interested in Bryan’s grid. Speaker ideas that emerged: well and septic management, composting
12. Charlie Humphreys’ passing: committee signed condolence card and Kathy will write message in her beautiful calligraphy
13. Phoenixville Comprehensive Plan grid meeting (Dec. 3) takeaways:
14. Investigate the writing of a township wind and geothermal ordinance
15. Share EAC info at soon-to-be-completed Walnut Lane Park
16. Expansion of riparian buffer ordinance for WPT; Glenn will pursue w/Planning Committee
17. How many township residents have solar? Info might be beneficial for other township residents who are considering solar. Bryan will follow up w/Melissa
18. Ideas: township solar tour; do another township survey (ask: do you have solar?)
19. New business
20. Kathy will make poster to promote EAC activities, w/tear-off tabs for communicating with our committee
21. Newsletter: deadline for copy is Dec. 23, with publication in early January 2022. Call for content. Many thanks to Donna for newsletter production!

*Meeting adjourned 8:38; Minutes submitted by Linda Reichert*

Action Items: