

West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes - May 3, 2017

Attending: David Brown; Don Cook; Jim Deisinger; Jane Helm; Vic Laubach; Suzanne Roth; Harriet Stone.

Also attending: Erica Batdorf; Brian Curry; Jim Helm; Sara Shick.

Absent: Pieter Ouwerkerk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with corrections.

1st: Harriet Stone; 2nd: Jim Deisinger

Board of Supervisors: David Brown reported that Natural Lands Trust (NLT) and the township expect to close on the 72 acre parcel by September.

Northern Federation : No meeting. Meeting quarterly now.

Regional Planning: A workshop on the Comprehensive Plan will be at the Kimberton Fire Company on June 22.

Sustainability: Planning to visit all other committees and put out a survey.

Parks & Recreation Commission: Phase I of the Fellowship Trail design is complete. Phase II is still coordinating access. Waiting for the church to conduct a survey. West Vincent Land Trust (WVLT) is working on new trail easements.

Planning Commission:

1. 99% of Bryn Coed has been approved. Sub-divisions 2,3 &4 are requiring more attention. Brian K. is looking closely at the historic buildings worrying about demolition.
2. The HOA at Eagle Farms became involved with Sunderland Avenue being reconfigured where it crosses a stream. We are concerned about a vegetation plan and stream crossing. We will review at next meeting.

Open Space: Met last week. Jody Reinbold will be the new chair. They will review evaluations and fill one open seat.

Ad hoc Zoning Ordinance Changes: Erica will have a phone conversation with Rick Trailes.

Old Business:

Historic Resources Committee (HRC): Mike Jugan's house, the site of the Fussel family was demolished without a permit. The slave cave must be preserved. Historic Identification Designation (HID) #s will be incorporated into our database. Vic noted that the SALDO & the ZO need to complement each other. We need to incorporate a GIS layer for the township. Should the HRC have a sub-committee to review permits. The township is notified of property sales and needs to tell newowners of the HID issues in a positive way. WE need to send out information regarding other township ordinances prior to the next meeting. (ask NLT about above)

New Business:

Ed Theurkauf provided some new information. Please review.

Rick Trailes is reviewing our water and tree ordinances. The William Penn Foundation has given monies to review our ordinances. He will draft recommendations. Erica Batdorf, Vic Laubach and Sara Shick are involved.

The Brandywine Conservancy will have a meeting on May 18. Ben Drover will be presenting on Manure Management.

Phase I is land preservation. Phase II will include planning for the Delaware Watershed Initiative agriculture restoration with a focus on the Birchrun watershed.

Jim Helm commented that it has been a year and 3 months since he presented his tree information and we have done nothing. Please, move forward to protect our trees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

1st: Harriet Stone; 2nd: Jane Helm