

Notes
West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council
February 1, 2017

Attending: Jim Deisinger, Jane Helm, Victoria Laubach, Suzanne Roth, Harriet Stone.
Absent: Don Cook, Pieter Ouwerkerk.
Others: Erica Batdorf, David Brown, Brian Curry, Sara Shick.

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

A quorum was noted.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes with minor changes.

1st: Harriet Stone; 2nd: Jane Helm Passed

Reports

The **BOS** will have an Executive Session this Friday to discuss elements of the acquisition of Bryn Coed. We would like the BOS to report back to us (EAC) on non-restricted items. The EAC wishes to be a part of this discussion when non-confidential matters are discussed with Natural Lands Trust (NLT).

The Open Space committee met and discussed purchasing the Wilson tract on St. Matthews Road with an easement. Our (EAC) Dr. Don Cook was part of the discussion. We will ask him to report at our next meeting.

Northern Federation: will meet in March.

Regional Planning: met and is reviewing its previous plans and looking forward to its comprehensive plan.

Sustainability- Suzanne attended their committee meeting. They are trying to fill all of their positions (9).

Parks & Rec-Jim report that Bill Holderness is busy mapping the public trails in the township. Phase I of the Fellowship Trail is getting close to completion. P & R are working closely with Upper Uwchlan.

Planning Commission – no meeting.

Old Business

Trails-2 of the 3 trails at the South Down development will be complete this summer. The 3rd,Toll/Eagle Farms still needs work.

Historic Resources Committee Harriet reports that the committee has gathered further information on various properties on Bryn Coed Farm for Natural Lands Trust.

Zoning Ordinance Changes- continue to next meeting.

Harriet requests the closing of Hollow Road during amphibian migration.

MOTION: The EAC requests the BOS to approve of the amphibian migration and to authorize the police department to close the portion of Hollow Road between Horseshoe and Birchrun Roads to traffic during migration periods.

1st: Vic Laubach; 2nd: Harriet Stone Passed

Donna Delaney, French & Pickering Trust, presented a program on woodlands to property owners who have eased their properties to French and Pickering. Nancy Long & Donna wish to hire a forest manger for the trust. We will request that they present their program to us

Jim Deisinger reports there is a smoke house/spring house at the corner of Pinehurst & Fairmount. We should investigate and take pictures. The children in the area use it.

Liason positions from the EAC to:

Planning Commission: Jane Helm

Open Space: Don Cook

Historic Resources & Northern Federation: Harriet Stone

Parks & Recreation: Jim Deisinger

Sustainability: Suzanne Roth

There are two meetings coming up in the near future that EAC members may wish to attend.

On Saturday, March 11, 2017 there will be a Watershed Congress at Montgomery County Community College in Pottstown, PA sponsored by the Delaware River Keeper. The fee is \$50 if you register before 2-13-17. Let me know right away!!!! You can go to their website to see if it would interest you.

The EAC Network Conference is presenting a program in Lancaster by the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association on Saturday May 6, 2017 from 8 AM – 3 PM. The fee is \$35. **Must register by March 14.** Breakfast and lunch included plus morning and afternoon information sessions.

We have a budget of \$4,900. The cost will be covered by the township. Please contact Suzanne if you have an interest.

Actions

It was suggested the EAC review the Northern Federation's Regional Resource Protection Plan. You will find this information on their website. We should develop a priority list. Please be in contact by e-mail as you work on this list. Also, review the Sustainability Commission's 65 item plan found on the township website.

Reorganization

MOTION: Victoria Laubach is nominated to be the Chairman.

1st: Harriet Stone; 2nd: Jim Deisinger Passed

MOTION: Jane Helm is to be Vice Chairman.

1st: Jim Deisinger, 2nd: Harriet Stone Passed

Vic will work with NLT on DRWI.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

