

West Vincent Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Minutes- October 4, 2017

**Attending:** Jim Deisinger; Jane Helm; Vic Laubach; Suzanne Roth

**Also attending:** David Brown; Brian Curry; Jim Helm; Carol ?? from Charlestown Twp.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

**Approval of minutes.**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jane Helm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Deisinger

All approved

**Committee Reports:**

**Board of Supervisors** - The BOS had an executive session with Molly Morrison, Brian Sundermeir, & Peter Williamson regarding the details to be worked out for the 72 acre purchase of Bryn Coed Farm land by the township. The French Creek Road culvert near the Wilson Farm needs a temporary and a permanent fix. The owners wish to give the property to the township. An environmental study will need to be done. Neighbors have expressed interest in buying the pond and its perimeter. They neighbors were encouraged by the BOS to contact the owners.

**Northern Federation** – no report

**Regional Planning** – no report

**Sustainability Committee** - The fair will be October 14 from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

**Park and Recreation Commission** - There will be no construction on the Fellowship Trail until the surface of 200 feet in conservation easement is decided. The trail has been in planning for 8 years.

No new progress has been made on the trails.

**Planning Commission** – The Kling subdivision will keep its greenways. The Planning Commission has concerns about these

The daycare center planning at the library moves forward.

**FYI:** The County will have an opportunity for us to apply for a grant relating historic structures in the spring.

**Open Space** – Hearings were held in February to discuss the \$200,000.00 grant to the 16 Years LLC.

**Ad hoc Zoning Ordinance Changes** – no meeting. No word from Rick Trailles.

No Correspondence.

**Old Business (priorities/goals):**

**Historic Resources Committee** – The Benner sign is being manufactured. Talks will be given on “How to Investigate Your Historic House” at the Henrietta Hankin Library.

**HRC/EAC Joint meeting** – Harriet explained about Kur Bonakdurpour and his scanning of the binders and research of deeds.

The joint meeting should take place in November or December with Erica Batdorf and Tom Wargol at either the EAC or HRC monthly meeting.

**EAC Consultant** – Ed Theurkauf sent a bill for tree consultation.

**Schedule next meeting of the forest group**- Scheduled for October with Erica.

**A motion was made to engage Ed Theurkauf on an as needed basis for consultations regarding EAC business for township meetings, review of ordinances, trail plans at \$115.00/hour.**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Suzanne Roth; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Helm**

**All approved**

There was a comment that residents would like to see birdhouses in the School House Park. It would be a wonderful project for children of the township. A lengthy discussion about generic signage engaged both Heritage Tree & Heritage Sites. The EAC budget is small and disappears if not used during its calendar year. If we had signs that could be placed at both of the above mentioned sites, we could make a small impact on awareness. Jane will investigate the East Nantmeal signs.

**New Business :**

We need to think about creating rain gardens for demonstration to residents at the township campus.

For your information: East Nantmeal is reporting Epizootic Hemorrhagic disease in dead deer. Report to police and the game warden.

Suggest that developers bring in electronic computer copies of their utility/landscape plans to the Planning Commission for overlay on the entire plan.

**Adjourn:** 6:34 P.M.