

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – April 6, 2016**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Don Cook (DC), Victoria Laubach (VL), Harriet Stone (HS), Jane Helm (JH), Suzanne Roth (SR), Jim Deisinger (JD)

EXCUSED: Christy Martin (CM)

Also in attendance: John Jacobs, BOS; Sara Shick, Planning Commission; Bill Dietrich, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission; George Graham & Jim Helm, residents

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by the Chair.

MINUTES: The March 2016 minutes were approved unanimously upon a motion by HS, seconded by DC.

Guest Presenter:

Steve Saffier, Audubon PA Birdtown presented their new strategic plan with goals and objectives. He stated the most important part is that we have job descriptions for the people involved. Steve asked if there was anything specific we needed his help with. We'd like to do another township program in January. Participate in Hummingbirds at Home or Great Backyard Bird Count. Have information at Community Day or the Sustainability Fair.

There was council discussion on ZO 2223 Logging – suggesting adding permit requirement; consider adding a Forest Stewardship Plan requirement which would include a timber harvest plan; prohibit clear cutting in certain areas, all to help protect the woodlands within the township. Additionally the township should consider a comp plan supplement for our natural and historic resources similar to what Warwick Township did for the Hopewell Big Woods.

Guest Presenter:

Jim Helm, township resident, presented four recommendations regarding township trees that he would like to township to review and adopt.

REPORTS:

- Board of Supervisors –
- Northern Federation –
- Regional Planning –
- Sustainability Committee –
- Park and Recreation Commission –