

West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council
July 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by chair Suzanne Roth at 5:30 P.M.

Attending: Don Cook, Jim Deisinger, Jane Helm, Suzanne Roth, Harriet Stone

Liaison: Bill Dietrich; Guests: Sara Shick, Brian Curry, Barry DiLibero

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

1st: Don Cook; 2nd: Harriet Stone

Reports:

On the 2nd Tuesday, September 13, 2016, Stock Illoyway will be speaking on the progress of the William Penn Grant at 7 P.M for the northern federation at the East Coventry Township Building on Ellsi Woods Road.

The Girl Scouts will be constructing 9 raised bed boxes at the Community Garden this evening.

The Phoenixville Regional Planning Group will update the comprehensive plan starting in the fall of 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

The Fox Hollow trail will be marked with the new West Vincent Township blaze.

The township still waits for a letter from West Pikeland requesting monies to defray the cost of the trollies for their part of the Iron & Steel Heritage tours.

Bob Casciato and friends have invited interested members of the HRC to tour the old Wilson Farm on July 17, 2016 at 5 P.M.

Jane Helm presented a proposal as to why the township should have a shade tree commission.

To the SALDO & Land Development & Historic Buildings ordinances, we would like the BOS to add sight line requirements to newer developments. ***Was this discussed at the meeting or is it a topic for the August meeting? (HWS)***

NEW BUSINESS

We'd like to see that newly planted trees are not on top of the newly buried pipeline.

Suzanne measured the mowing levels in the pond and meadow areas. The range was from 2-4 inches; very inconsistent. It is suggested that David Gottier raise the blade level and watch for temperature variations before mowing.?

Perhaps a different mowing pattern would yield better results!

MOTION: The SALDO should require a tree inventory of specimen and heritage trees as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance prior to a development of 3 or more dwelling units

1st: Jane Helm; 2nd: Don Cook

Passed

After discussion regarding the SALDO we are looking for a sample ordinance to be distributed to all.

The Zoning Officer was to meet with the new owners of the Benner Farm to make sure that they were complying with the Façade Easement. There should be enough old windows after removal of the porch to have “old windows” as part of the new building.

Harriet offered to talk to Ryan Todd about cars involved with his business blocking access to the Old Schoolhouse Township Park.

Jim Deisinger will be away for the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Suzanne Roth, Chair