

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Victoria Laubach, Harriet Stone, Suzanne Roth, Jim Deisinger, Christy Martin, Jane Helm

EXCUSED: Don Cook

Also in attendance: Sara Shick, Planning Commission, and Bill Dietrich, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Harriet Stone, out-going Chair.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Suzanne Roth and Don Cook were reappointed to the EAC; Jan Beale was not; Jane Helm was pleasantly surprised to hear she had been appointed as she was invited to join the committee at the front table. The first order of business was the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016. Victoria Laubach nominated Suzanne Roth for Chair, seconded by Harriet Stone; passed unanimously; meeting turned over to Suzanne. Vic Laubach nominated Christy Martin for Vice-Chair, seconded by Suzanne; passed unanimously. Due to staff changes, no agenda was prepared for the meeting so the minutes of the December 2015 meeting were used as a guide. Sara Shick agreed to draft minutes of this meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 2, 2015 meeting were not available. Tammy provided Harriet Stone with Jim Wendelgass's notes from the meeting; Harriet will draft the minutes for review.

REPORTS:

- Bill Dietrich and Sara Shick provided reports on the status of matters before the Planning Commission, the Sustainability Committee, Phoenixville Region, and the Northern Federation. The Planning Commission has two active applications, a simple lot-line change at the Layman's Home property on St Matthews at Miller Road and a two-lot subdivision of the former Myers property on Flowing Springs at Sawmill Road.
- Jim Deisinger and Bill Dietrich reported on the P&RC visit to the township-owned land just west of route 100 at Horseshoe Trail. The P&RC identified that it would provide for possible future needs for playing fields. No action pending at this time.
- Report of the Board of Supervisors activities related to the reorganization meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Historic Resources Committee:**
 - Harriet reported the HRC will be supporting West Pikeland this summer in a Chester County riding tour of the area. The HRC will provide information that will be used in the tour but will not have responsibility for any in-person presentations or logistics for the tour.
 - The Historic District signs are in. Harriet and John Eldridge will coordinate final approval of the placement with landowners.
 - The UGRR Tour presentation was very well received when presented in November at the Hankin Library. The committee proposes to present it again at the Township Building; they will select a date to be announced in the next Township newsletter, probably a Friday night 7-9 pm, pending BOS approval.
 - The HRC is still concerned about how the township office and the HRC can inform new owners and developers of the value of specific features of historic properties in the township.
 - There is a subcommittee of the HRC refining the inventory to produce consistent language and clear descriptions.
 - Also, because of the change in BOS schedule, the HRC meetings for the rest of 2016 are planned for the second Monday of each month at 5:30.
- **Trails:**
 - Christy Martin gave an update on the WVLT/FPCCT trails project.
 - Jane Helm asked about blazing trails, specifically the one on and near her 18-acre property at the Southdown subdivision, Southha Chester Springs Road at Veronica Drive. Christy will contact the people who have begun blazing and will get back to Jane to help get that trail marked.
 - The EAC is concerned that the interim township manager and new engineering firm be aware of trail requirements.
- **Environment:**
 - Vic will follow up with Rick Trailes of NLT for the status of the ordinance review he is doing.

SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

- Nothing before the EAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Harriet Stone asked for and received, unanimously, the EAC support for protecting amphibians as best they will let her, along Hollow Road near the Zuber Pond. She will ask the BOS for permission to obtain road-closing assistance from our police.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Next Regular EAC Meeting will be Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.