

January 23, 2016

West Vincent Township Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2016
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: West Vincent Township Building

Committee Members in Attendance: Penny Fulton (PF), Ben James (BJ), Kip Archinal (KA), Sam Cantrell (SC), Bernie Couris (BC), Nicole Keegan (NK). Brian Sladky (BS) and Jim McQuilan (JM) notified the committee they could not make the meeting

Community Liaison Members in attendance: Mike Schneider, Harriet Stone, Bill Dietrich

The following agenda was provided:

- Approval of December 2015 Minutes
- Welcoming of new Committee Members
- Election of new Committee Officers
- Creating Sustainability Committee Calendar of Events for 2016
- Prioritizing Objectives for 2016

1. Introductions

SC began the meeting with Committee member introductions. BC and NK were introduced as new committee members.

2. Resolution 6-2012

KA reviewed resolution 6-2012. There was some discussion regarding the language of the resolution and number of members on the Committee and if each Committee member's term should be 3 or 4 years.

A motion was proposed by BJ to request a modification of the resolution so that each committee member served a 3 year term and there would be 3 per year turnover. This was seconded by KA and approved by the committee.

3. Election of Committee

The following motions were made to elect Committee positions:

Chair – Ben James
Vice Chair – Kip Archinal
Treasurer – Bernie Couris

BJ is to contact the Township to inquire about hiring a secretary to take meeting notes at monthly Committee meetings.

4. Sustainability Fair Schedule

The Committee agreed that Jim McQuillan should act as liaison due to his close connection to the school. The weekends of March 26 and April 2 were suggested for the Fair. Also a possibility

would be Earth Day or sometime in the fall. Jim to check with the West Vincent Elementary School administration and let the Committee know the date.

Someone from the audience suggested finding a way to include West Vincent homeschoolers and private school students in addition to West Vincent school students in the Fair.

5. Movie Night

Movie Night generally takes place the 4th Friday of each month.

SC has been approached by the Phoenixville Green Team to join forces on these events. SC will coordinate with them and keep the Committee informed. The Committee will review Movie Night mid-year at the latest to see how it is progressing. The Green Team currently takes place at Ideas bookstore.

KA suggested contacting Henrietta Hankin library to see if they are interested in collaborating on events and if they would share their email list.

6. Green Drinks

SC and NK are to confer and NK will assist in advertising the event. Green Drink typically takes place the 4th Wednesday of each month. The Township website, Meet-up and West Vincent Voices were suggested as possible venues for advertising. Bill Dietrich noted that the Sustainability Committee (and all West Vincent committees) cannot advertise on websites other than the official West Vincent Township website. Individuals can however advertise the event on social media.

7. Yard Sale

PF will provide a date for Yard Sale at the next Sustainability Committee monthly meeting.

8. Committee Liaison

The following Sustainability Committee members were elected to be liaisons to Township committees:

Planning Commission - Bernie Couris (*Kip Archinal will fill-in as liaison at the first Planning Commission as Bernie is not available to attend that meeting.*)

EAC – Penny Fulton

Township Supervisor – Kip Archinal

With two members not in attendance, Park and Recreation Committee and Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission liaisons were not selected.

9. Meeting Minutes

BJ will follow-up with Cara Graver and Jim McQuillan to collect missing minutes from 2015. The minutes will need to be provided to the Township as soon as possible.

10. Township Ordinance Amendments

The Sustainability Committee worked on several Township ordinance amendments. The status of these amendments needs to be reviewed with the Township. Mike Schneider, Township supervisor, will follow-up with status of amendments and report back to the Committee.

11. West Vincent Sustainability Plan work session

The Committee agreed to select a time for a three hour work session on the West Vincent Township Sustainability Plan.

12. Status of Initiatives

A summary was prepared at the end of 2014. Ben will review with the township office and/or Jim Wendlegas to bring it up to date.

13. The next Township newsletter is expected to go out in early March. All Committee members are encouraged to create something that could be included from our committee.

14. Bill Dietrich, Planning Commission liaison provided an update. Mike Schneider, Township Supervisor liaison, provided an updated on the Township Supervisors meeting.

15. The next regular meeting is set for February 16, at the township building. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to BJ by February 9. BJ will forward the agenda out by that Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.