

Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday June 20, 2017

Attendees: Bernie, Jennifer, Sam, Tom, Dave, Steve, Barb

Sustainability Committee

Chairman

Bernie Couris

Vice Chair

Jennifer Munson

Members

Steven Bazil

Sam Cantrell

Tom Kalusky

Barbara Mueller

Bryan Sladky

Thomasina Webb Wilson

David Weber

Associate Members

Adrienne Boyance

Mary Kane

Ben James

Kip Archinal

Penny Fulton

Liaison Reps

Bill Dietrich

Planning

John Jacobs

Township Supervisor

Suzanne Roth

EAC

Bill Holderness

Parks and Recreation

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May 23 minutes approved.

Work

1. Report from presentation of West Vincent Sustainability Plan at Federation of Northern Chester County on June 13
 - Plan was well received
 - None of the other communities has a Sustainability Committee
2. Set Fair Date - October 14, 2017
3. Identify Fair actions to be done
 - Discussed specific vendors/table sponsors to be contacted (see Sustainability Fair list) - Bernie to email all with new date announcement
 - Need budget plan - \$2000?
 - Viewed Sustainability banner (not very large, may want another larger banner
 - Jen to ask school about sign placement for banner and sandwich boards
 - Stickers for existing yard signs or new signs needed
 - Advertise to community just outside W. Vincent borders (i.e. bulletin board at Kimberton Whole Foods)
 - Advertise within School district - Jen to ask W Vincent principal to promote event with other district principals
 - Schedule workshops - Bernie to propose dates
4. Discuss Native Plant Theme
 - Fall is ideal planting time for shrubs and trees - try to get seedlings to give away
5. Announcement of Lower Merion Conservancy Sustainability Fair
 - Saturday June 24, 3:00-6:00; Bernie plans to attend
6. Identify top five initiatives and create the “scope of the work” methodology
 - 21 - Agricultural Best Management Practices on Township Land**
 - Current leases contain no language about sustainable farming practices
 - Treatment plants & land on which they reside being sold - does this include township open space (or publically accessible trails)?
 - Get list of township parcels, talk to Tammy about who is farming them
 - Talk to farmers about interests & concerns around sustainable farming practices
 - 41 - Township-sponsored deer management program**
 - Committee members agree there are too many deer; negative consequences of that include loss of trees and plants from overgrazing, car accidents
 - Township already has a hunting program on township-owned lands with a limited number of permits (and waiting list)
 - PA Game Commission DMAP (Deer Maps And Permits?) is a program that allows farms to put tags on their mailbox
 - Different rules for season dates than general hunting
 - Allows for out-of-season agricultural deer control

- “Red Tag Program”
 - Need to be in Cooperative Public Access Program (Farm Game project or Safety Zone) 5C or 5D
- Is there a need to connect local hunters with property owners?
 - Possibly not, if township permit system is sufficient; Sustainability Committee could educate landowners and hunters on the existing program
- Does any meat from township program get donated to food bank?
- Talk to Chief Swinger and Supervisors to gauge whether there is interest in enhancing or promoting deer management.

7. Green Drinks Next Wednesday

Respectfully submitted,



Thomasina Webb Wilson
from Jennifer Munson’s notes