

West Vincent Township – Sustainability Committee – Minutes for September 2016

Those present were Penny Fulton, Kip Archinal, Ben James, Bryan Sladky, Sam Cantrell, and Tom Kalusky. Bernie Couris was excused.

The June minutes were reviewed. Bryan mentioned that he thought he had attended and should be listed as such. He will confirm on his calendar and advise Kip. Harriet Stone was quoted near the end of the minutes and the subject seems to need some additional information. Ben will contact Harriet and ask for additional information to be included in the minutes. The minutes, with those additions, were moved to be accepted by Penny, and seconded by Sam. The minutes, as amended, were approved.

Penny Fulton reported on plans for the **Community Yard Sale**, to be held Saturday, September 24. Additional volunteers are needed to help with getting sellers into their places. Ben James will join the effort. The committee has not been able to arrange for a vendor to sell coffee and snacks. Penny will notify the sellers that coffee will not be commercially available. Thirty-five sellers are lined up and there are alternates if any can't make it.

The committee chose to not have a **Sustainability Fair** in 2016, but to plan for one in 2017, on Earth Day, April 22. The preliminary schedule was endorsed by the West Vincent Elementary School Principal, Ed Smith. The three primary focus sub – committees are: Arranging for vendors, Physical arrangements, and Day of the event volunteers. Possible sources for the volunteers to help with this include former members of the sustainability committee, members of the community garden, and members of other WV township committees such as Parks and rec, Planning Commission, and EAC. Additional planning and organizing to continue this fall, so that the teams are functional by the beginning of January.

Sam Cantrell reported on **Green Drinks**, and **Movie Night**. He recently located the president of the Phoenixville Green Team, Mark Connelly, and has been in touch with him to expand our marketing. Mark will include the Green Drinks event in his email blasts, (close to 500 names). There are no current plans for a Phoenixville Green Team movie night. Sam and Mark will continue to discuss this option and will let us know when an event is scheduled.

The **Sustainability Initiatives Review** effort was discussed. Kip Archinal suggested that we should work toward finishing the review by year's end so that it can be presented to the township at the second supervisors meeting in January. To that end, the committee agreed that the individual initiatives from each sub-team would be distributed to the entire committee by Tuesday, October 4. Work on the collected initiatives would proceed as quickly as possible. Ben James will confirm which sub-team is responsible for which initiative, how to identify the edited version, and how to indicate suggested revisions. The whole team will then review the batch, with the expectation that all committee members have read all initiatives, made their suggestions and would be ready for final approval.

We have been focused on the existing initiatives. When the review is mostly complete, we will consider new ones. When a potential new initiative comes to mind, Ben James will gather them as they are suggested.

A motion to close the September sustainability committee meeting was made by Kip Archinal. It was seconded by Sam Cantrell. All approved.