

MINUTES

Sustainability Committee

Meeting: Tuesday April 10, 2018

Attendees: Yvonne, Jennifer, Dave, Tom, Sam, Steve, Gale, Barbara

Non-member attendees: Bernie Couris, Brian Curry, Sara Shick

Guests: Ken Miller, Tom Olszanowski.

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Bill Holderness

Parks & Recreation

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Minutes from Feb 20 approved

WORK:

1. Meeting called to order by Jen at 7:30 PM in back room of Twp Building.
2. Finance report – noted budget is determined by previous years use and expected needs. Sara - request a certain amount from BOS.
3. Liaison reports – Open Space Comm, Sara gave historical perspective. Also noted she has been appointed to the Open Space Comm for duration of existing term. Jen – BOS handling Open Space funds in a corporate manner. Bernie – understands BOS stance. Not bad, just different. Noted that WV Land Trust would pay for appraisals. Jen – Mike S delineation of twp to north & south of Horseshoe Trail but density should not necessarily be equal. Contiguous better. Sara – criterion for protecting open space established in 2002. Barb – Mike S just stating facts and opinion.
4. Jen – roads and open space Planning Comm issue. Sara - More related history. Ken – recommend historic comm be separate comm. Sara – more related history – Landscape 3 should be Sus Somm connection.
5. Fest in the Park – June 10. Established Sus Comm should get table. Action: Jen will submit form. Steve & Gale will be on dog table. Barb – ideas for table content – handouts, plant native poster, Green Drinks, Sara – noted past exhibits. **Action:** comm members will come up with ideas before next meeting.
6. Picnic in the Park – 3rd Thurs of June, July & August. Sara – should be Sus Comm presence. Wear t-shirts and get t-shirts to new members. Sara – community yard sale previously handled by Sus Comm. Jen – team up with Parks & Rec for yard sale.
7. Gale – FB page ready to go online. Approved by comm after discussing merits of beleaguered FB and other social media. Criterion for page primarily info, coordinate with WV Voices.
8. Community Garden – FB notification for new gardeners, compost pile for gardeners only. Yvonne, CG liaison – rules will change as necessary. Jen – signage necessary. Sara – need to hook up hydrants to public water. Bernie – money issue? Maybe Parks & Rec could finance hookup. Sara – new well expensive
9. Best farming practices – Riparian buffers and trenches to deflect runoff. Ken – can get financial help for water deflection berms. Tom O

– installed waterway - \$50,000 – problematic, runoff from development through his farm is his problem. Ken – no requirement for riparian buffers for farmers but strongly encouraged by NRDC & other conservation groups, cost sharing available. Tom K – bring in expert to consult comm. Sam to Ken – are farmers required to have conservation plan? Ken – no, but need to demonstrate conservation intent to interact with twp. Barb – soil tests do not include residual pesticide and herbicide. Ken – test are expensive and not required. Dave – maybe twp could finance tests. **Action:** Bernie bring to BOS. Need tests to establish baseline for future testing. Primarily info gathering for now. Tom K – quoted from Sus Comm mission statement to clarify comm intent in working with farmers for benefit of all. Jen – duty to twp to know where we stand with soil quality. Ken – competition for farmland intense, getting more so as land gets developed, in farmers best interests to keep land healthy and productive, also for re-lease and generational consideration. Renewal of leases discretionary, so farmers motivated to cooperate because of long-term investment. Brian – long-term soil testing could be useful criterion for renewal of leases. Bernie – caring for land more important than bid for land. Ken - all 3 big farmers sold development rights. Jen – followup with NRDC next step. Brian – farmers have helped comm change preconceptions.

10. Sara – Ludwigs Corner development plan, water runoff consideration, bring to BOS, will stay after meeting to discuss with interested parties.
11. Steve – Secondary liaison to Parks & Rec.
12. Dave – move to adjourn 8:50, Steve second