

West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council
August 1, 2018
Minutes

Attending: Don Cook, Tommi Dulchinos, Vic Laubach, Suzanne Roth, Ken Witek.
Also attending: Steve Saffier, Neal Fisher, Brian Curry, Yvonne Brownlee, Sara Shick, Kate Farnham, Isabelle Travaligni, Harriet Stone, Pat Donohue, Andrew Gess, Bernie Couris, George Dulchinos and Natural Land representatives; Brian Sundemeir, Peter Williamson, Scott Wendle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M.

Minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

1st: Ken Witek; 2nd: Don Cook

All approved

Steve Saffier of Audubon spoke to us about their **Louisiana Waterthrush Project** funded by the William Penn Watershed Initiative. This particular bird is the poster child for clean, healthy streams. They live along the banks of tree edged streams with their nests nestled between the roots. The parents fake injury to lead intruders away from their young. The goal of the project is to get homeowners to close the gaps by planting plants and trees in the riparian buffer. They would like to see 62 properties improved in the next two years. There are added funds in the William Penn grant to purchase trees and plants. These birds are very reclusive but can be identified by their call. Check it out on YouTube. Water quality through birds.

Subdivision/Land Development/Historic Building:

Brian Sundemeir for Natural Lands (NL) presented their land development plan for the Flint Road, Bryn Coed Farms Preserve property that NL intends to occupy. They would like to place a 40-space parking lot south of St. Matthews Road and above the Peacock tree on under an acre. The excess topsoil would be used on the areas they wish to demolish; the turkey sheds and the utility buildings. The demolition of the turkey shed will reduce impervious surface by a little more than an acre.

Pat Donohue voiced concern about the removal of the turkey skat; particularly for airborne issues.

The parking area will be black topped with rain gardens placed to control run-off. Chester County insists that the parking lot and trails be installed by the end of the year. The historic farm house and the retaining wall would remain. The house will be

refurbished and made safe and usable. In the future they would shore up the springhouse. NL needs a equipment shed and the old two story barn type building is unsuitable. The Historic Resources Committee presented their case for preserving elements of the Ralston Farm that dates back to the 1700s. Please refer to their materials.

Much discussion followed.

A lot consolidation was asked for and approved for the Pomanto property on Black Horse Road.

Neal Fisher, from Weatherstone, presented the plans for Phase II of the commercial area.

MOTION: The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) approves the overall Phase II plan for Weatherstone. However, we do need to review the plant list.

1st: Suzanne Roth; 2nd: Don Cook

All approved

MOTION: The EAC approves the conveyance of a lot line change/consolidation for Pomanto on Black Horse Road.

1st: Ken Witek; 2nd: Don Cook

All approved

Natural Lands

MOTION: The EAC approves the permit for a parking lot on Flint Road for the Bryn Coed Farms Preserve.

1st: Suzanne Roth; 2nd: Ken Witek

All approved

MOTION: The EAC approves the permit for demolition of the turkey sheds and the machine shed. The EAC requests a bit more time to review the domestic outbuilding.

1st: Suzanne Roth; 2nd: Tommi Dulchinos

All approved

Please note that the EAC reminds the township that the Historic Resources Commission is concerned that letters from the Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission be included in the township files for all the out-buildings on the Zarisniak property and the building at 100 & Birchrun Road. These letters should be requested from the Hankin Group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.