

West Vincent Township
Environmental Advisory Council
July 11, 2018
Minutes

Attending: Don Cook; Jane Helm; Tommi Dulchinos; Suzanne Roth; Ken Witek.
Also attending: Erica Batdorf; Yvonne Brownlee ; Bernie Couris; Brian Curry; George Dulchinos, Sara Shick.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M.

The minutes of the June 6, 2018 were approved as corrected.

1st: Ken Witek; 2nd: Don Cook

All approved

Bernie Couris stated that we are looking for a pond consultant to rid the pond of grass at its center. Sterile carp had been placed in the pond some time ago. The edges of the pond should not be mown to keep geese out and entryways should be at an angle to provide human access. Best practice management with addition of pond additives plus mowing, mulching and pruning will be done.

Subdivisions/Land Development/Historic Buildings:

The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) granted Sixteen Years, LLC their variance. They will be hearing the case for the home detailing business on Dewees Lane tonight. It seems that all the products used are biodegradable. Yvonne will represent us tonight. We ask her to bring up waste-water regulations for car washes in Pennsylvania.

Old Business (priorities/goals):

The Benner Farm sign has been approved by Lennar and will be installed. Historic Commission formation is under review and being discussed by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Historic Resources Commission's (HRC) listing of properties of concern has added a sheriff sale property on Beaver Hill. All out-buildings at Zarisniak property and the building at 401 & 100 will have letters from the PA Historic & Museum Commission to the developers placed in township files.

Heritage Tree Recognition Program:

There was a good display at the Festival. 75 trees were distributed with 1,000 people attending. There was good feedback with spending of \$32.00.

Requested the purchase of equipment required to measure trees nominated by the community to gauge their qualifications to be recognized by the program.

1. BEN MEADOWS Carbon Steel Diameter Tape, 10m/320cm, 3/8" W Claw Hook- to be used to measure the circumference of the tree trunk- Price \$55.49 + shipping.
2. Haglof EC II-D Clinometer- to be used to measure the height and breadth of the tree. Price \$199.99 + shipping. The total cost of these items to be \$255.48 + \$9.99 shipping for a total of \$265.47.

MOTION: To allow the purchase of the above items for the Tree Recognition Project.

1st: Tommi Dulchinos; 2nd: Ken Witek

All approved

New Business:

There is a vegetation management issue with the road crew destroying citizens' property by use of flail mowers/bush hog leaving dangerous sharp branches plus destruction of flora. The right of way (RoW) varies (1836 law). The standard seems to be 33' wide with a 16 1/2" center. How does the road crew know the right of way? We need a list of home-owners who care for their own properties when it comes to the RoW.

Please, have the road crew mow the intersection of St. Matthews Road and Flowing Springs Road. There is overgrown vegetation that makes sight lines impossible!

Reports:

Landscapes III is the counties 10 year plan. Comments must be made now for the final draft in October. How do you envision West Vincent Township being represented??

Spotted lantern fly has been reported in the township. Dr. Mick Yoder contacted Erica and will do a public information meeting (to be set up) and a newsletter article.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.