

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2016**

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Don Cook, Victoria Laubach, Harriet Stone, Jane Helm, Suzanne Roth, Jim Deisinger,
EXCUSED: Christy Martin

Also in attendance: Sara Shick, Planning Commission; Bill Dietrich, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission; Jim Helm, resident

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by the Chair.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Suzanne asked for a volunteer to take minutes, Victoria volunteered.

MINUTES: Harriet's draft minutes from the December 2015 meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Suzanne Roth, seconded by Harriet Stone. The January 2016 minutes written by Sara Shick were approved unanimously upon a motion by Suzanne Roth, seconded by Harriet Stone.

REPORTS:

- Board of Supervisors – no outstanding business
- Northern Federation – Harriet attended the presentation by Executive Director of CCPC; Rusty Strauss (EPT) offered to come talk to interested townships about the Phoenixville regional planning group.
- Regional Planning – Bill Dietrich attended
- Sustainability Committee – working on 2016 plan; continue with the fair.
- Park and Recreation Commission – Fellowship trail update; Pearl's land walk; Turkey trot successful – raised \$7,500 toward Fellowship trail
- Planning Commission – Goldfield lot line change.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Trails** – Jane provided an update on the trail marking on her property which was postponed due to weather. Ongoing discussion about the rest of the trail through the adjoining subdivision. Chester County Trail and Path Planning document (Landscapes) is what the township should be following / using as a guide.
- **Historic Walk** – helping West Pikeland with their 2016 walk

- **Historic Resources Committee** – work on books continues; Harriet and John Eldridge reached out to homeowners re: historic signs – positive response; scheduling for a talk at the township – mid to late March.
- **New Township Park** – no news; there was a question on whether directional signage was now in place at Old Schoolhouse
- **Zoning Ordinance changes** – Suzanne to follow up on PUC letter; Jane to bring Chesco document to next meeting; Vicki mentioned Penn State sample tree ordinances; Sara noted the buffer change from EV & HQ to all streams; PC recommended to BOS to accept NLT offer of update language.

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SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENT:

- Goldfield – Questions arising from plan review – whether Sections 2409 & 2410 apply – so would there be a need for a Historic Impact Study; whether the WV Historic Atlas considered a “local list” as per the Zoning officer’s letter.
- This brought up questions on how these get triggered during the permitting process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vicki mentioned class now forming for the Schuylkill Water Stewards program (citizen science water monitoring)
- Chester County Conservation district holding a Manure Management workshop at the township, Wednesday March 9th from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Steve Saffier, PA Audubon will be presenting updated Birdtown information at the March EAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Next Regular EAC Meeting will be Wednesday March 2, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.