

February 28, 2016

West Vincent Township Sustainability Committee (WVTSC) Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2016
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: West Vincent Township Building

Committee Members in Attendance: Penny Fulton (PF), Ben James (BJ), Kip Archinal (KA), Sam Cantrell (SC), Bernie Couris (BC), Nicole Keegan (NK), Jim McQuilan (JM)

The following agenda was provided:

1. Approval of January 19 minutes
2. Township position on arranging for a secretary
3. 2016 Suitability Fair? – discussion/decision
4. Status on West Vincent Township action items
 - a. SALDO/Zoning Ordinance amendment – Regional Comprehensive Plan
 - b. Sustainability initiatives status – end of 2015 – status
 - c. Resolution 6-2012 amendment and Section 6
5. Green Drinks – status of advertising effort
6. Movie Night – status of combining with Green team from Phoenixville
7. Sustainability Plan for 2016 and beyond – define process
 - a. Review initiatives for “done”, “open”, “no longer needed”
 - b. Build list of new initiatives and ideas for inclusion in existing initiatives.
 - c. Method for developing initiatives.
 - d. Welcoming of new Committee Members
 - e. Election of new Committee Officers
 - f. Creating Sustainability Committee Calendar of Events for 2016
 - g. Prioritizing Objectives for 2016
8. Review proposed list of SALDO changes
9. Executive session to consider nominee for open position on committee
10. Next Meeting – March 15, 2016

1. Introductions

NK read the January 19, 2016 meeting minutes and minutes were approved as amended. NK will make amendment to document and email to WVTSC members. BJ will forward the minutes to the Township.

2. Resolution 6-2012

BJ reviewed WVTSC January 19, 2016 motion to modify resolution 6-2012, Section 2. The resolution modification was made so that each committee member served a 3 year term and there would be 3 per year turnover. BJ mentioned that this modification was being voted on at tonight's BOS meeting.

KA suggested a second modification to the resolution. KP noted that there was a discrepancy in West Vincent Sustainability Committee member responsibilities (between the October 2011 West

Vincent Township Sustainability Plan (page 20, B Taskforce Role, first paragraph) and Resolution 6-2012 (page 2, Section 6. Powers and Duties, second sentence)). KP put forth a motion to modify the language of the Resolution to follow the intent of the WVTSP which directs the Committee to facilitate the implementation of the WVTSP, rather than the Committee implementing the Plan themselves. The Committee voted and agreed to make this resolution change and for it to be included on the next the BOS meeting agenda.

3. Sustainability Fair Schedule

BJ spoke to Edward Smith, West Vincent Elementary School Principal, regarding the Sustainability Fair. BJ discussed the possibility of holding the Fair every other year at the School. Edward Smith stated that the School likes the Fair but is agreeable to holding it every other year.

SC made a motion and it was agreed to not hold the Sustainability Fair this spring due to the lack of time to prepare for the Fair. It was also agreed that the WVTSC would vote in the near future whether the Sustainability Fair should be held in the fall or spring, and whether it should be every other year. Once a decision is made BJ will contact Edward Smith with any changes and a schedule.

KP mentioned that we should continue to think about finding ways to include West Vincent homeschoolers and private school students in addition to West Vincent school students in the Fair.

KP suggested having different themes for each Sustainability Fair to keep the Fair interest level up from year to year.

PF suggested an alternative venue of combining the Sustainability Fair with the Township Yard Sale.

4. SALDO/Zoning Ordinance amendment – Regional Comprehensive Plan

The Sustainability Committee in the past has worked on several Township ordinance amendments. The status of these amendments needs to be reviewed with the Township.

NK mentioned that Chester County Government has a Vision Partnership grant through Landscape 2 to promote cooperation between the County and local governments in the implementation of Landscapes2. The Township could apply for the grant to help write the SALDO/Zoning Ordinance amendments. NK mentioned that information can be found at <http://www.landscapes2.org/psd/vppnew.cfm>

5. Movie Night

KA suggested contacting Henrietta Hankin library to see if they are interested in collaborating on events and if they would share their email list.

BJ suggested including a documentary he recently watched on PBS that would be pertinent to Sustainability efforts. He will forward the name of movie to Committee members. This documentary could possibly be viewed at a Movie Night.

6. Green Drinks

SC and NK have developed a new brochure for Green Drinks. NK will post Event on West Vincent Voices facebook page. The next Green Drink will take place at Sly Fox at Wednesday February 24th at 7pm.

BJ will discuss with Tammy at Township regarding emailing the Green Drinks event using Township email mailing list.

BJ will discuss with Township if the Sustainability Committee can advertise the Green Drinks event on official Township website and other advertising venues.

7. Yard Sale

PF will provide a date for Yard Sale at the next Sustainability Committee monthly meeting.

8. Meeting Minutes

BJ will follow-up with Township to see if WVTSC can be provided with someone to take meeting minutes at meetings.

9. West Vincent Sustainability Plan work session

The Committee agreed to meet on February 28th from 2 to 5 pm for a three hour work session on the West Vincent Township Sustainability Plan.

- a) Status of Initiatives - a summary was prepared at the end of 2014. BJ will review this status report with the township office and/or Jim Wendlegas to bring it up to date. This report will be the basis used for the February 28th work session.
- b) BJ reviewed the top 6 initiatives (no. 6, 14, 32, 38, 48, 51). BJ requested that each Committee member review these initiatives for the work session.

10. The next Township newsletter is expected to go out in early March. All Committee members are encouraged to create something that could be included from our committee.

11. John Jacobs, Township Supervisor, attended the end of the meeting and provided an updated on the Township Supervisors meeting. John stated that Section 2 of Resolution 6 was amended to include that each committee member served a 3 year term and there would be 3 per year turnover

12. The next regular meeting is set for March 15, at the township building. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to BJ prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

An Executive Session was held after the meeting to discuss personnel.