

MINUTES

WEST VINCENT
TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PA

Sustainability Committee
Meeting: Tuesday January 16, 2018

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

Non-member attendees: Bernie Couris, Brian Curry

Chairman

JENNIFER MUNSON

VICE CHAIR

LAURA GRABLUTZ

SECRETARY

DAVE WEBER

MEMBERS

SAM CANTRELL

STEVEN BAZIL

TOM KALUSKY

GALE RIPPEL

YVONNE BROWNLEE

BARBARA VAN HORN

MINUTES:

No minutes from December 2017 were presented.

WORK:

1. Meeting was called to order by acting chair, Sam Cantrell, at 7:40 PM
2. Discussion – new committee chairperson – to be addressed at the end of the meeting
3. Introduction of all members and welcoming of new members - Yvonne, Barbara, Laura and Gale – members all wrote names, phone numbers, email addresses and street addresses to be compiled electronically and distributed by Laura
4. Request for establishment of committee secretary – Dave volunteered and was accepted as such
5. Request for PR person to handle events, publicity, press releases, etc...Gale volunteered and was accepted as such
6. Sam informed committee of upcoming National Seed Swap Day occurring Sat Jan 27 at the Henrietta Hankin Library from 10:00 to 1:00 - flyers distributed. Search for speaker at event – suggestions were made - Tom would take action – committee attendance urged
7. Green Drinks – Sam explained concept and suggested we bring in attendees from outside township, e.g. Phoenixville Green
8. Sam Asked Bernie about committee liaisons. Bernie is supervisor liaison to Sus Comm. Brian Curry suggested liaison program is broken and suggested minutes from each committee meeting be sent to each committee chair – suggested that members peruse committees available on their own and come to next meeting prepared to volunteer to be liaison to the committee of their choice – some of this could be done between meetings via email or phone – Brian suggested we can learn much from examining the workings of other committees – other committee liaisons to be determined.
9. Sam announced a lecture series to be held at West Chester Univ about environmental concerns and urged committee members attend – Feb 21 about grazing and regenerative agriculture
10. Discussion of WV SUS PLAN – Jen to send out Google sheet to all members – each member to choose 2 or 3 initiatives on which they think committee should focus – solidify follow up to initiatives action plan
11. Bernie stated that the Sus Comm is a sub-committee of the Planning Board – (note: clarify)

Liaison Reps

Bill Dietrich

Planning

John Jacobs

Township Supervisor

Suzanne Roth

EAC

Bill Holderness

<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	12. Discussion of frequency of Sus Fair – yearly at same approximate time or staggered between Spring and Fall each 1 ½ years.
	13. Jen will have comprehensive “FAIR” manual and will send link to members
Submitted by: Dave Weber secretary	14. Discussed WVT Farm Leasing Agreements – Bernie and Sam feel agreement needs amending – need to meet with relevant farmers to come up with action plan agreeable to all – find out when leases are due for renewal – get copy of lease agreement from Erica 15. Dave nominated Jen for Chairman – Steve seconded – all members approved – Jen accepted 16. Jen calls for need for 2 nd Chair – discussion of responsibilities – Laura volunteered – all members approved – Laura accepted 17. Jen went over action items - Dave financial report for next meeting – dissemination of information by Jen, Laura and Bernie 18. Sam volunteered Ann Marie Cantrell to be refreshment coordinator for Seed Swap event 19. Dave to send out minutes to committee members for editing 20. Sam moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM – second by Steve – meeting adjourned