

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (LP&SC)
MEETING
November 6, 2023 Minutes**

LP&S COMMITTEE:

Cheryl Wanko - Chair

Marsha Hodge

Jaisri Chety

Amy Johnston

ABSENT:

Abbie Kessler – Vice Chair

Lyle Frederick - Secretary

David Schwab

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Joseph Antonelli, Director of Planning and Zoning

CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Wanko called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES:

Marsha Hodge made a motion to approve the LP&SC Meeting Minutes for October. Amy Johnston seconded the motion. All ayes and motion passed 4-0.

EAC CONFERENCE UPDATE – 10/21/23:

Cheryl updated the group about the EAC Network Fall Gathering for 2023 which was held on the West Chester University Campus on October 21, 2023. Cheryl reported how Springfield Township saved \$205,000 through energy benchmarking and rain gardens. Further discussion included how the Borough of West Chester's "West Chester Sustainable Program" has developed a certification program which recognizes developers who integrate sustainable features into new commercial developments and rehabilitation projects. The West Chester Sustainability Program also exemplified the ecological importance of rain gardens, which the Committee discussed in detail.

TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Joseph Antonelli provided updates from the Lawn to Meadow event on October 3, 2023. Other updates included the Solsmart Training attended by Chris Adamek, B.C.O., Embreeville Park status, as well as the upcoming meetings with Rachael Griffith of the Chester County Planning Commission concerning the "Charge @ Work Program" and continuing conversations with the Sustainable Model Ordinances.

LP&SC PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Antonelli discussed the tree planting project held by the Stroud Water Research Center where they offer to plant native trees along streambanks. They also will care for these trees, free of cost, for three years. Mr. Antonelli has created a list of subject properties to be contacted by the Committee.

SECONDARY TARGETS OF POTENTIAL EASEMENTS

Discussions were held about arranging an event to contact and engage the property owners for the “secondary parcels.” Ms. Chety made a recommendation of creating an event with an art exhibit to engage the property owners.

SUSTAINABLE RESIDENT AWARD PROGRAM

Cheryl Showed the program that has been developed by West Vincent Township. Township Staff to discuss with the Board of Supervisors about developing a similar program in West Bradford Township.

There being no other business, Jaisri Chety made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marsha Hodge. All ayes, the motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Wanko, Chair