

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

ATTENDING

LP&S COMMITTEE:

Meg Kramer, Chair
Bob Portnoy, Vice Chair
John Braxton, Secretary
Lyle Frederick
Abbie Kessler
Ed Roworth
Karen Sklenar

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Justin Yaich, Township Manager
Jack Hines, Township Supervisor

Scott Andress, Stormwater & Special Projects
Cheryl Wanko, LP&SC Sub-committee

Meg Kramer, Committee Chair, called the public meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Committee members introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting.

REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES:

Draft minutes prepared for the November 2, 2020 meeting by John Braxton, Secretary, were approved.

OSRER UPDATE:

Bob Portnoy informed the committee that the November OSRER meeting included some 15 organizations that will be working to enhance and integrate the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental resources.

CODE COMPARISON WITH EAST BRANDYWINE:

Justin shared his thoughts after a preliminary review of the East Brandywine Township code as it concerns sustainability. It appears the West Bradford Township code is strong in the area of sustainability and the cost of engaging Brandywine Conservancy on a review at this time might be better spent elsewhere.

EMBREEVILLE UPDATE:

Justin shared a progress report on the remediation efforts and demolition plans at Embreeville. Communication has been very good between owners and township and progress is on or slightly ahead of schedule.

A Steering Committee is expected to be established early in 2021 to figure out how best to use the site. Passive Rec, Active Rec, trails, etc. Land Planner Tom Comitta will be involved.

MONARCH / BUTTERFLY / POLLINATOR GARDEN:

Meg, Lyle, Cheryl and Justin discussed possible locations for a butterfly / pollinator garden which included Shadyside Park, Broad Run Park and Brandywine Trail. In addition to attracting pollinators, this garden could also serve an educational function. A Rain Garden idea was floated.

READY FOR 100 FOLLOW UP:

Cheryl and Karen informed the committee that the draft resolution has been sent to the BoS for their review and are awaiting any feedback. Justin commented that the Board may discuss at the January BoS meeting.

WEBSITE REVIEW:

Karen and Cheryl discussed with the committee about adding a paragraph to LP&SC Mission describing the work of the Sustainability sub-committee. Committee discussed adding links to the website on environmental education webinars, podcasts, etc. to become a repository of information.

SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE:

Survey results were discussed again to better understand areas of educational interest of township residents. Cheryl would provide an article for the township newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meg Kramer, Chair, announced her resignation from the LP&S Committee effective at the end of her term on December 31, 2020. We wish her well in her new pursuits.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Braxton
Secretary