**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP**

**LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

**MAY 3, 2021**

**ATTENDING**

**LP&S COMMITTEE: TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:**

Lyle Frederick Scott Andress, Township Consultant

Marsha Hodge Jack Hines, Township Supervisor

Abbie Kessler Justin Yaich, Township Manager

Bob Portnoy

Ed Roworth

Karen Sklenar

Cheryl Wanko

The public meeting was held via Zoom. Bob Portnoy, Acting Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Committee members introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting. Karen Sklenar took the minutes in John Braxton’s absence. There were no comments from the public attending the meeting.

**REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES:**

Draft minutes for the April 5, 2021 meeting prepared by John Braxton, Secretary, were approved.

**UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Bob Portnoy asked for input from LPSC committee members on materials that were distributed at the April 2021 Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resource Plan (OSRER) meeting that he attended.

**REVIEW OF OPEN SPACE SOURCES AND USES REPORT**

Justin Yaich gave an update on the status of open space funds and recent related transactions.

**LPSC REORGANIZATION:**

Committee members approved a reorganization plan that establishes three working groups to which LPSC committee members are assigned.

* Working Group #1 will address: open space and land preservation efforts; tree plantings and aiding in community reforestation efforts; and promoting multi-model transportation such as trails and public transit.
* Working Group #2 will address public education sustainability projects and programs and recycling improvements.
* Working Group #3 will work with the Township to develop and implement an Energy Transition Plan that is consistent with Resolution 21-06, known as Ready For 100. Working Group #3 will also promote energy conservation and the use of renewable energies through public education and associated outreach efforts.

The working groups will be operational for the June 2021 LPSC meeting. Each working group will meet before each LPSC meeting, which will now begin at 7:00 pm. The working groups will be explained on the Township’s website.

Bob Portnoy proposed the LPSC shift to meeting quarterly or three times a year in person and otherwise on Zoom. The June meeting will be held on Zoom, the July meeting will be held in person.

**IDEAS RELATED TO PREPARING AN ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN:**

Cheryl Wanko explained Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Local Climate Action Program and how to prepare a Local Climate Action plan. She suggested an intern could prepare much of the plan at no additional cost to the Township. The intern would start in August 2021 or 2022 and would need approximately 2-3 hours a week of time from Township employees when gathering information for the plan. Justin Yaich wants to have a better idea of what the Township’s obligations would be regarding staff time, etc. before committing. A decision on whether to proceed would need to be made before the end of June.

**READY FOR 100 Q&A DOCUMENT:**

The LPSC approved the revised Ready for 100 Q&A document unanimously. Justin Yaich will let committee members know when the Board of Supervisors has reviewed it. If they approve, it will be uploaded to the Township’s website along with the Ready for 100 resolution.

**POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE:**

Lyle Frederick gave an update on progress on the pollinator garden. Work on the garden has begun and a scout is lined up to help with benches for his Eagle Scout project. There will also be birdhouses and plaques. A write-up will be prepared for the Township newsletter scheduled to come out at the end of the summer.

**TREE CITY USA**

Karen Sklenar provided a brief description of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program and what is needed for a community to receive that designation. Workgroup #1 will pull together a more detailed summary of what it entails for the June LPSC meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Committee members briefly discussed activities for West Bradford Day, which is now planned for the fall.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Sklenar

Acting Secretary