

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
JULY 1, 2019**

ATTENDING

LP&S COMMITTEE:

John Braxton
Lyle Frederick
Abbie Kessler
Meg Kramer
Ed Roworth
Karen Sklenar

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Jack Hines, Jr., Board of Supervisors
Justin Yaich, Township Manager
Ron Youtz, Public Works Director

GUESTS:

John Goodall, Brandywine Conservancy
Scott Andress, E.B. Walsh Consultants

Meg Kramer called the public meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting opened with everyone introducing themselves and the opportunity for public comment. Resident Cheryl Wanko addressed sustainability activities being carried out in neighboring communities and distributed text used in the Phoenixville Comprehensive Plan to address renewable energy as an example for the township.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

Draft minutes prepared for the June 3, 2019 meeting were approved without any edits.

EASEMENTS TO DATE

Justin Yaich, John Goodall and Abbie Kessler gave updates on property transactions related to land preservation.

RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Ron Youtz provided an overview of the township's recycling program.

FALL NEWSLETTER:

Meg Kramer volunteered to draft an entry for the fall township newsletter.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Abbie Kessler gave an update on progress being made on the township's comprehensive plan.

SOLSTICE ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Lyle Frederick and Karen Sklenar reported on the Solstice Ice Cream Social that took place Friday June 21st at Highland Orchards. The event was a success, and discussion focused on how to improve attendance in future years.

BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY SUBSCRIBERS MEETING:

John Goodall distributed copies of materials presented at the Brandywine Conservancy Subscribers meeting on June 7th.

STORMWATER UPDATE:

Justin Yaich, Scott Andress, and Jack Hines addressed stormwater challenges in the township and the condition and capacity of the township's stormwater infrastructure.

UPDATE ON LAND PRESERVATION PLAN:

John Goodall reminded committee members that comments on a draft of Chapter 2 of the plan are due to the Brandywine Conservancy by July 15th. John explained how the prioritization methodology included in Chapter 2 was developed.

SOLARIZE PROGRAM:

Cheryl Wanko gave an overview of Solsmart and Solarize Southeast PA, two solar energy programs active in Chester County. There will be a tour of solar energy installments in October. Cheryl agreed to draft an announcement that may be put in the township newsletter.

BALANCING SUSTAINABILITY AND OPEN SPACE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Committee members shared their thoughts about how sustainability and associated activities may best be carried out by the township. It was agreed that a subcommittee of the Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee should be formed to focus exclusively on sustainability issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Justin Yaich introduced Scott Andress to the committee. Scott will be working for the township on stormwater issues.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Sklenar
Secretary