

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (LPSC)
MEETING
January 9, 2023 Minutes**

ATTENDING

LP&S COMMITTEE:

Lyle Frederick
Marsha Hodge
Abbie Kessler
Cheryl Wanko
Jaisri Chety (New Member)
Amy Johnston (New Member)-Absent

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Justin Yaich, Township Manager
Joseph Antonelli, Planning and Zoning Director

Cheryl Wanko called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Committee members and attendees introduced themselves at the beginning of the meeting. The committee welcomed the newest committee member, Jaisri Chety, to the group. Ms. Chety has an interest and experience in recycling and river clean ups. Joseph Antonelli took the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

RE-ORGANIZATION for 2023

- Cheryl Wanko – Chair
- Abbie Kessler – Vice Chair
- Lyle Frederick - Secretary

REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES:

Draft minutes for the December 5, 2022 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Cheryl Wanko explained the different working groups during the meeting. Working Group #1 deals in open space, tree-planting, including efforts involving Tree City U.S.A. Working Group #2's focus is on sustainability and pollinator gardens. Working Group #3 is considered the "energy division" and is focused on reduction of energy consumption and the execution of the "Ready for 100" Plan. The group discussed merging Working Group #1 and Working Group #2 but deferred acting on organization until membership is at full capacity.

UPDATE FROM OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP:

Lyle and Marsha announced to the group that there will be an invited breakfast, for an anticipated total of 20-30 people, at the Temenos Spiritual Center on March 17, 2023. This breakfast possibly may include speakers from organizations such as Natural Lands Trust or

Brandywine Conservancy to explain the process to the landowners who may be interested in acquiring an open space conservation easement.

UPDATE FROM SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP:

Lyle Frederick stated that he has reached out to the Stargazer's HOA Representative for discussing the possibility of a pollinator garden in the area along W. Strasburg Road. Abbie also mentioned the idea of contacting HOA's to see if they would create areas of "no mow zones." Lyle also announced an upcoming educational series created by Marshallton resident, Marian Pflaumer. The series is called "Creating A Beautiful Garden Habitat" and begins on March 9, 2023. Email blasts will be provided for invitation. The group also had discussions to any potential areas for public gardens on municipal land and near the proposed traffic circle at Marshallton-Thorndale and Poor House Roads.

UPDATE FROM "READY FOR 100" WORKING GROUP

Cheryl Wanko provided a review of the Energy Transition Plan Proposal from the Brandywine Conservancy for three different options to draft the West Bradford Township Energy Transition Plan. The group seemed in favor of Option #2, believing that Option #1 was too little, and that Option #3 was too much and a bit redundant for what protections the Township already has in place. The Committee then continued the discussion by contacting other firms to obtain additional quotes for these types of services. The Board of Supervisors are still reviewing the Brandywine Conservancy proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Justin Yaich gave an update on easement transactions and/or possibilities under consideration, including the receipt of the Agriculture Security Area for a parcel with the UPI #50-6-49.1, and the potential of a conservation easement for the parcel with the UPI #50-5-129, pending an environmental assessment.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle Frederick