

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
LAND PRESERVATION & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (LPSC)
MEETING
March 6, 2023 Minutes**

ATTENDING

LP&S COMMITTEE:

Cheryl Wanko - Chair
Abbie Kessler – Vice Chair
Lyle Frederick - Secretary
Marsha Hodge
Jaisri Chety
Amy Johnston

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:

Joseph Antonelli, Planning and Zoning Director
Jack Hines, Township Supervisor
Justin Yaich, Township Manager

Cheryl Wanko called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

REVIEW / APPROVE MINUTES:

Committee offered suggestions for amendment to the Draft Minutes for the February 6, 2023 Meeting. Minutes to be approved after requested changes are made.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

The Committee had an open discussion on the involvement with other committees within the Township. It was mentioned that the Committee should try to review the Minutes and Agendas for each of the Boards and Committees in the Township and to attend when possible.

UPDATE FROM SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP:

Lyle discussed the upcoming educational series created by the local group “Broad Run Native Gardeners” called “Creating A Beautiful Garden Habitat” to be held at the West Bradford Township Building on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

UPDATE FROM OPEN SPACE WORKING GROUP:

Mr. Frederick also discussed the planned breakfast at the Temenos facility on March 17, 2023, for landowners who may want to place an easement on their property. Headcount is not finalized, however March 10, 2023, is the final date to RSVP for this event.

WEST BRADFORD DAY – MAY 21st - Noon to 4:00 PM

The group discussed some ideas of educating the public during this event. Ideas included education and alternatives for pesticides and herbicides. Ms. Chety discussed bringing in her food composter and possibly an electric vehicle to show to the public.

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

The Committee discussed having Abbie lead a seminar on the process of acquiring the various properties for the different conservation easement programs and categories prior to next month's meeting. The Committee agreed to meet prior to next month's meeting at 6:00PM for this discussion.

ENERGY UPDATES

- **Brandywine Conservancy Proposal:** Mr. Yaich informed the group that the Board of Supervisors will not be pursuing the proposal from the Brandywine Conservancy but would rather invest the money into education programs for the residents. Mr. Yaich reassured the Committee the Township will continue to look for environmentally sound practices and the utilization of alternative energy, as long as the equipment is affordable, reliable, and available with a proven track record.
- **Solsmart:** Discussions were had on whether the Committee should recommend the program to the Board of Supervisors. Further research is to be done whether the Committee should make a recommendation to enter the program.
- **Solar Permitting Fees:** Mr. Antonelli stated that a draft resolution is in place to lower the solar panel permitting fee.

Abbie Kessler mentioned the Brandywine Creek Clean-up for celebrations of Earth Day, to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle Frederick