



**Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting
October 2, 2013**

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Present were Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Josh Jordan, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Alyson Dedeian, Member; Fred Gains, Planning Commission Liaison; Barbara Brown, member of the public.

Mr. Suffian led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment.
- 3. Approval of Minutes for September 11, 2013:** On motion by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Gains, the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting were approved.
- 4. Business:**
 - a. Addition of Alternative Members-** Ms. Yannich, a member of the Board of Supervisors, requested that the WEAC submit a formal letter to Ms. Livrone, requesting an amendment to the existing WEAC Ordinance. Mr. Baratz submitted this letter. The amendment was discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting during their second meeting in September. It was passed by the board and includes the addition of four alternate members to the WEAC.
 - b. Motion Regarding Trail Through Kansas Road Wetlands Mitigation Site-** Ms. Ross explained that Mr. Rieder and some of the WEAC members walked the wetlands mitigation site at Kansas Road to determine if the proposed trail should be included as part of the trails map. Given the expensive stipulations placed on the Township to renew the permit by the Army Corps of Engineers and Penn Dot District 6, and the environmental sensitivity of the wetlands, it is Ms. Ross's option that the trail should not go through this area. Mr. Gains made a motion stating that it is the opinion of the WEAC that the trail should terminate at the wetlands mitigation site on Kansas Road. Ms. Weremeychik seconded that motion. All were in favor.

- c. **Tree Vitalize Grant-** Mr. Suffian discussed that there is a deadline in the beginning of December for a Tree Vitalize Grant. He asked if anyone had any ideas of a basin that might be a good choice for naturalization. Ms. Brown recommended a basin on Orchard Place. Mr. Suffian asked that she forward the location of the basin to everyone and we can determine if it would be an appropriate choice.

Mr. Suffian asked Ms. Ross to also contact Mr. Bonargo and ask him if he had any basins in mind for the grant.

- d. **Billingsley Basin-** Ms. Ross has placed the final order for the plants from Octoraro Nurseries for the Billingsley Basin. Mr. Suffian has contacted Ms. Rogalas and inquired as to whether they would consider having the grant pay for fencing and tree tubes. The grant is for \$3,835.00. The plant order is for approximately \$3,000. This request was approved. The remainder of the funds will be used for those supplies. The WEAC will also need to purchase the stone from Eureka Quarry. Mulch and tree stakes will also need to be purchased. Mr. Gaines made a motion that we spend up to \$1000.00 on the supplies needed for the basin planting. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Ross will be working with Public Works on Thursday, October 3, 2013, to pick up the stone from the quarry and transport it to the basin. Public Works staff will move the stone with a bobcat or a similar piece of equipment to create the dams. Ms. Ross will coordinate with Chief Bonargo and will oversee the stone work. The planting date is October 5, 2013. At this time, it appears that we will have 16 National Honor Society volunteers.

- e. **Warrington Day Activates-** Ms. Ross explained that Warrington Day will run from 12:00 PM until 5 PM. We can start setting up our booth at 9:00 AM. The Township will be providing us with one six foot table and two folding chairs. The booth will also have a canopy and electricity. Mr. Weremeychik offered to also bring folding tables and chairs.

The following are volunteers and time slots:

1. Mr. and Ms. Weremeychik- set up at 10:00 AM
2. Ms. Brown- all day
3. Ms. Ross- all day (also working at Open Space Booth)
4. Mr. Baratz- 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
5. Mr. Suffian- 3:00 PM-clean up
6. Ms. Dedeian- all day
7. Mr. Gains- 3:00 PM
8. Mr. Jordan- arrange for student volunteers

The WEAC will bring all handouts and give a ways, three rain barrels, bat houses and blue bird houses. Also, Ms. Brown will put together a species list of the native plants and their prices. Mr. Suffian will pick up the plants at the Morning Walk Basin in the morning and bring them over to the booth for sale at Warrington Day.

- f. **WREN Grant Progress-** Mr. Suffian reported that he is still waiting to hear from WREN about the interpretive signs that he submitted for review. Also, the native plants have been purchased and will be delivered along with the order for the Billingsley Basin. These are the plants that will be sold at Warrington Day.

- g. **Green Infrastructure Partnership with Villanova- Approval of Payment:** Mr. Suffian explained that the Villanova students are continuing their work on the Valuation of Green Infrastructure. They have submitted a progress report for September, in which they outlined their progress. Mr. Suffian passed around that report via e-mail to the WEAC members for review.

Mr. Suffian asked that a motion be made to pay them for the currently billed 8 hours. Mr. Baratz made that motion. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- h. **Equipment Purchases-**The group discussed necessary equipment to be purchased with the remaining budget.

Some items to be purchased include, but are not limited to

1. Gloves for clean ups
2. Trash Bags for clean ups
3. Cutters
4. Packets of fertilizer
5. Watering cans
6. Frames and poster printing for Earth Day Posters
7. 50 native plants for sale at Warrington Day (\$250.00 from WREN Grant and \$250.00 from WEAC budget)
8. Stone, mulch, topsoil, stakes and chicken wire for Billingsly Basin

5. Future Agenda Items: No future items were discussed.

6. Adjourn: Mr. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Ross
Vice-Chairman, WEAC

