



**Warrington Township**  
**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**January 3, 2018**

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Present were Ivy Ross, Vice- Chairman; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Shirley Yannich, Board of Supervisors; Mark Ruckno, Ann Kuter, and Phyllis Rosenbaum, members 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 -** On motion by Mr. Weremeychik and seconded by Ms. Weremeychik, the minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved. All were in favor.

4. **Business:**

- a. **Elections-**

- Ms. Weremeychik made a motion to elected Mr. Suffian as Chairman of the WEAC. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Ms. Brown made a motion to elect Ms. Ross as Vice Chairman of the WEAC. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Mr. Weremeychik made a motion to elect Mr. Baratz as Secretary of the WEAC. Ms. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor. Because Mr. Baratz was not in attendance, Ms. Ross will check with him to make sure that he will accept this position.

- b. **Pickertown and Folly Road Grant-** Mr. Suffian reported that the WEAC was awarded the Growing Greener Grant for the Pickertown and Folly Road Detention Basin Naturalization. We were awarded \$16,900 for the work. We had only requested \$14,800. Ms. Ross was able to speak with our DCNR representative regarding this, and he said the grant allocation would remain at the awarded amount of \$16,900. Mr. Suffian and Ms. Ross made the appropriate adjustments to the budget, along with submitting all of the needed paperwork to secure the award.

Mr. Suffian suggested that after we prepare a conceptual plan for the basin, we invite the adjoining property owners to a WEAC meeting and ask for their input. Ms. Brown suggested that before begin any work on the basin, we consider planting a buffer of evergreens to help shield the neighbors view.

- c. **Eagle Scout Candidates-** Mr. Daniel Strobel from Troop 71 and his mother, Ms. Terri Strobel wanted to find out what kind of projects would be available for Daniel to work on with the WEAC. Daniel is currently 14 years old and is hoping to complete his Eagle Scout project by the early summer of 2018.

Mr. Suffian gave an overview of the WEAC's mission. He explained that we would be naturalizing a detention basin off of Sarah's Lane this coming spring. Mr. Suffian described the naturalization process, and what Daniel would need to do. Daniel was excited about the project; however, he will be going to a Bike and Hike meeting to see what kind of project they could offer him. He will let the WEAC know which project he chooses by next month.

- d. **Second Eagle Scout Project-** Ms. Ross explained that there is a second Eagle Scout candidate, Jacob Krumins, who is looking for a project. Ms. Ross will be meeting with him on December 7, 2017, to discuss potential projects. Ms. Ross explained that he is almost 18 years old and needs to complete his project before the spring.

Mr. Gaines suggested that he work with the Bike and Hike Committee on the proposed nature trail. That would be a good project to work on now because much of the understory has died back, and that would make it easier to clear. Ms. Ross will contact the Bike and Hike Committee and ask them if they would be interested in having him work with them. If so, Ms. Ross will direct Mr. Krumins to Mr. Sapers, Mr. Mulder and Mr. Myers.

- e. **Osprey Nest-** Ms. Ross explained that we have been given the approval to install an Osprey nest at the Bradford Dam by the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Ruckno contacted the representative he has been working with at the PA. Game Commission, Dan. Dan has offered to contact PECO to ask if they would be willing to donate and install a pole. The Game Commission will be donating the platform for the nest. Mr. Ruckno will contact the agencies and set up a meeting at the site to pick possible locations.
- f. **Date for Backyard Design Workshop-** Ms. Ross has checked on the availability of the meeting room at the Township building, in April, to hold the Backyard Design workshop. The WEAC choose Tuesday, April 3, 2018 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Ms. Brown thought it would be a good idea to publicize the workshop in the next Link in order to get more of the public to attend. Ms. Livrone has verified that the Spring Link will be distributed in mid March.
- g. **No Mow and Detention Basin Signs-** Ms. Laurelli showed the draft design of the signs that she made. Everyone was happy with the signs. Ms. Ross will

find out what the ordinance number and fine will be if there is vandalism. This information will be added to the signs.

- h. Plant Sale-** Currently, the plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018, with a rain date of Sunday, April 22, 2018. This is Earth Day. We will publish another article in the Link prior to the sale. Ms. Brown and Ms. Laurelli are working on the plant order list. When that is done, Ms. Ross will place an order with Octorara Native Plant Nursery. We will add the list to the Township web page and the WEAC Facebook page.

Ms. Brown would like to order between 150 and 200 plants for the sale. She will send the plant order list to her Home and Garden Group to get pre-orders.

- i. Township Garden-** Mr. Suffian said that he and Ms. Ross spoke with Mr. Lubber regarding the new Township building, and how it would affect our native plant garden. Mr. Lubber said that it would probably be three years until the front part of the building would be re-constructed. Most likely, the new design will not affect that area. Therefore, we have decided to move forward with the Township Garden this spring.
- j. IPW Pond to Wetlands -DCNR Grant-** Mr. Suffian and Ms. Ross spoke with Mr. Lubber about preparing a planning grant to for submission to the DEP, to turn the pond at Twin Oaks into a wetland area. Mr. Lubber supports the idea. Mr. Suffian will contact a company, Princeton Hydro; he has worked with in the past about working with us to prepare the grant submission.
- k. Mill Creek Preserve Grant-** Ms. Ross explained that she asked Mr. Lubber if the WEAC could apply for a planning grant from the DVRPC 2018 grant round. Mr. Lubber supports the submission of this grant. The Mill Creek Preserve will be along the proposed trail leading off of Stump Road towards the Tradesville Plant. It is the area that the Environmental Finance Center put together as a generalized conceptual plan.
- l. Open Space Update-** Ms. Ross reported that negotiations are still moving forward with the quarry, regarding the Mill Creek acquisition.
- m. Future Agenda Items-** Mr. Ruckno informed the council that there is a very large tree, possibly 18' in diameter at the Valley Gate shopping center, behind the McDonalds. He thinks it could be one of the largest trees left in Bucks County. He was wondering if the WEAC could get it documented. Ms. Ross explained the process that was used by the girl scout who had the 10 Folly Road tree listed on the Big Trees of Pennsylvania website. Ms. Ross explained that through that process, it was determined that Pennsylvania does not have a Historic Tree Inventory, and the Big Trees of Pennsylvania is the only option for State listing. Mr. Ruckno volunteered to look into getting the tree documented.

**Adjourn:** Ms. Weremeychik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Ivy Ross

Vice- Chairman, WEAC