



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

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were, Ivy Ross, Vice-Chairman; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Ms. Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors.

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 Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting were approved. All were in favor.

4. **Business:**

- a. **Wrap Up of Warrington Day-** Everyone agreed that Warrington Day was very successful, this year, for the WEAC. Many people visited our booth and asked many questions. Mr. Suffian asked the group for some suggestions on how to improve things next year. They were as follows:
  - Ms. Weremeychik suggested that we don't put any pamphlets on the top row of the rack. Those pamphlets tend to fall over.
  - Mr. Suffian suggested that we bring less hand outs, as we always seem to take a lot back into storage.
  - The group would like to hand out more educational materials.
  - We need to purchase more give-a-ways for next Warrington Day, as we have run out (i.e. plastic bracelets, note pads, etc.). Mr. Suffian suggested that everyone come to the November meeting with some suggestions.
- b. **Morning Walk Basin-** Ms. Ross explained that the neighbors who live next to the basin are claiming that the water that is in the basin is causing undue stress on their sump pump. They have asked the Township to restore the basin back to its original state. Ms. Ross has explained to them that there is an

underground stream channel and the area has always been wet. She also explained that there has been an unusual amount of rain this year.

The Township engineer is looking into what, if anything can help to alleviate the problem.

c. **Rain Garden Maintenance-**

Ms. Brown had recommended that we plant more vegetation, including some ornamental native grasses in the Rain Garden to try to cut down on the amount of weeds. She will purchase about 15 small plants. Ms. Brown made a motion that we spend up to \$150.00 on these plants, this fall. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor. We will also buy some more plants when we place our order for the Native Plant sale in the spring. Ms. Brown will let the members know when she has purchased the plants so that a few members can help plant.

d. **Police Station-** Ms. Ross explained that the WEAC has been given the draft landscape plan for the proposed police station to review and provide comment. Ms. Brown and Ms. Ross will review and comment.

e. **Morrissey Tract-** Ms. Ross showed the group the preliminary sketch plan of the proposed Morrissey Tract. This will be the first development to implement the new Conservation Ordinance plan, which will preserve 65 % of the acreage as open space. As the plan progresses, the WEAC will have opportunity to comment.

f. **Pileggi Tract-** Ms. Ross also provided a copy of the preliminary sketch plan for the Pileggi Tract. Ms. Ross will recommend that public access be provided to the open space, which does not exist on the preliminary plan.

g. **Palomino Basin-** Ms. Ross explained that the neighbors are unhappy with the meadow adjacent to the Palomino basin.

h. **Pickertown and Folly Road Basin-** Ms. Ross asked Mr. Luber to approve the use of the Township engineer to help with the hydraulic design of the basin. The grant application does not include funds for engineering design. Mr. Luber agreed. Mr. Suffian and Ms. Ross will set up a meeting to discuss the design with Mr. Zarko.

i. **Priority Parcel Information-** Mr. Suffian explained that that Priority Parcel evaluation was run again to determine the next parcels for open space acquisition. Mr. Suffian discussed the three properties that ranked the highest. Ms. Ross looked up the parcels and determined the following:

- Parcel #50-023-251- This Parcel is titled Redstone Woods. Ms. Ross determined that the Township already owns this land and it is designated as Township Open Space.
- Parcel # 50-004-105-006- 11 acres owned by Bruno and Lois Reale. This parcel is a working landscape company.

- Parcel # 50-004-105-003 owned by John Steinken. This parcel is landlocked, therefore not affording public access.

Ms. Ross discussed two parcels, each approximately 12 acres in size. The parcels are adjacent to each other and are located off of Lower State Road. Both parcels are undeveloped and wooded. The same person has owned them and left them undeveloped for the last 25 years. They did not show up on the Priority Parcel evaluation because there is no water source. Mr. Suffian was concerned that there was no connectivity with existing open space. Other members liked the parcels because they are located in a different part of the Township where there is currently no designated Open Space. Ms. Ross and the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee will investigate this parcel further.

- j. **Eagle Scout Projects-** Eagle Scout candidate, A. J. Dessino would like to do his project for the WEAC. He is open to doing any project we can offer. He would like to complete his project by the spring of 2019. Ms. Brown suggested this scout redesign the meadow over at Hidden Court.
- k. **Osprey Nest-** Ms. Ross explained that all of the approvals have been finalized for the completion of the Osprey Nest. The new location is adjacent to the area we had previously chosen with PECO and the PA Game Commission on the County Line side of the Dam. The pole and the nest will be erected in approximately 12 to 14 weeks, depending on the weather.
5. **Open Space Update-** Ms. Ross reported that negotiations are still moving forward with the quarry, regarding the Mill Creek acquisition. Also, the Township was given 15 acres of open space by the quarry, along Bristol Road, in exchange for zoning modifications for the quarry along Easton Road.
6. **Future Agenda Items-** Mr. Suffian asked the group if we wanted to submit a Tree Vitalize grant for the Buttercup Blvd. basin. This basin will be retrofitted on the WEAC Day of Community Service. Mr. Suffian, Ms. Ross and a few of the WEAC members will meet at the basin to discuss the plan.
7. **Adjourn:** Mr. Weremeychik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51PM. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Ivy Ross

Vice- Chairman, WEAC