



Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting
April 3, 2019

- 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; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Lynn Laurelli, Member; Ruth Schemm, Board of Supervisors; Fred Gaines, Board of Supervisors; and Barbara Connolly, 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** – On motion by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the minutes, as amended, of the March 6, 2019 meeting were approved. All were in favor.
- 4) Business:**

a. Eagle Scout Projects-

- **Buttercup Blvd. Basin-** Mr. Tim Lindquist, Eagle Scout Candidate, will work with his troop on Community Service Day 2019, to plant the basin. Ms. Ross and Mr. Lindquist went over some specific information regarding the materials he will need for the actual planting day.

Mr. Suffian recommended that stone berms be placed across the concrete flow channels to slow and divert some of the water entering the basin.

Ms. Brown recommended that we lightly mulch and do not use the water donuts around the trees and shrubs.

- **Pollinator Garden-** Ms. Ross and Ms. Brown explained that Daniel Haschets, Eagle Scout candidate, will be building and planting a Monarch Waystation in John Paul Park, adjacent to the WEAC's cluster planting project. His plan is to build one raised bed and leave an area behind it to grow naturally. The total project area will be approximately 8' x 15'. He will plant Milkweed and meadow plants in the natural area, and plant the raised bed with plants that will attract butterflies. Ms. Brown is purchasing the plant materials. Mr. Haschets, will seek donations and raise money to

purchase the topsoil, mulch, wood and protective fencing. The project is scheduled to be complete the weekend of May 4, 2019. Ms. Brown and Ms. Laurelli will work with the troop on this day to oversee and advise.

5) **Pickertown and Folly Road Basin-** Ms. Ross has asked CKS Engineers to develop a plan for the concrete flow channel removal. Once that plan has been developed, we will contact the administrator of the Growing Greener grant for approval.

6) **Plant Sale-** The plant sale will be held on April 27, 2019, with a rain date of April 28, 2019 at the Warrington Township building. Mr. Pannerselvam has created a Sign-Up Genius for pre-orders. Ms. Weremeychik will place the Sign-Up Genius on Facebook.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Ross ordered 300 plants for the sale from Octorara Native Plant Nursery.

Ms. Brown recommended that we have the plants delivered to the back of the Township building and set the sale up there. We would not have to move the plants twice. She also said we would need cash for change, a moneybox and signs with photos of each plant.

7) **Bucks Beautiful Trees-** Ms. Ross explained that Bucks Beautiful delivered the trees and planted them on April 1, 2019. We were given 250 Red Maples and 25 Katsura trees. Two local nurseries planted the trees and some WEAC members staked them and installed the tree guards.

8) **Community Service Day-** Community Service Day will be held on May 18, 2019 with a rain date of May 19, 2019. The art room at the old Twin Oaks Day Camp will be available for us to use as our base. Some projects on that day will include naturalizing the Buttercup Boulevard detention basin, replacing and adding some trees and shrubs at Lower Nike trail and the Morning Walk Basin, Rain Garden, Butterfly Garden, and edible forest maintenance, building screech owl, blue bird, bat and wood duck houses and maintaining existing interpretative signage, and flower planting, etc.

9) **Open Space Update-** Ms. Ross and Ms. Schemm are forming an oversight committee called the Friends of Mill Creek Preserve. There will be a monthly lecture series, which will take place prior to the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee meetings. Experts in different fields, relative to this large parcel, will give these lectures. Some examples include deer management, meadows, riparian buffers, etc.

A member of the Game Commission will give the first lecture at 7:00PM on May 8, 2019, discussing deer management, on not only the 66 acres, but throughout the Township. All WEAC members are encouraged to attend the lectures and participate in the planning of the property.

5. **Future Agenda Items-** There is no future agenda items.

6. **Adjourn-** Mr. Weremeychik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40PM. Mr. Baratz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted, Ivy Ross-

Vice- Chairman, WEAC