



Warrington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Minutes of the Meeting
May 1, 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; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Vinobha Pannerselvam, Bike and Hike Liaison; David Leach, Director of Parks and Recreation; Fred Gaines, Board of Supervisors; Dot Dangelo, and John and Kat McGowan, Members of the Public.

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

- 2) Public Comment** – Mr. David Leach introduced himself as the new Warrington Township Parks and Recreation Director. He explained that his current focus will be on Lions Pride Park, the Mary Barness Tennis and Swim Club, and incorporating trails around the Township. His email is Dleach@warringtontownship.org.
- 3) Approval of Minutes** – On motion by Mr. Baratz and seconded by Mr. Weremeychik, the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting were approved. All were in favor.
- 4) Business:**

a. Memorial Garden- Mr. and Mrs. Weremeychik and Mr. and Mrs. McGowan explained to the group that they will be working on the Memorial Garden at IPW, as it is in disrepair. Mrs. Weremeychik explained that there was a significant amount of mulch that had built up over the years and there is a lot of mold in the mulch, as it does not break down. It is their feeling that it may be why the plants and annuals are not thriving. Also the mulch is pushing the fence outward and needs to be removed and repainted. The flagpole will also be painted and inspected and the sign will also be fixed. All of this will be done before the Memorial Day Ceremony. Emails will be sent around with dates and times that they will be working at the garden, if any WEAC members are available to help.

b. 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 has purchased the plant materials. Mr. Haschets, has gotten donations and raised money for topsoil, mulch, wood and protective fencing. The project will be completed on May 4, 2019. Ms. Brown and Ms. Laurelli will work with the troop on this day to oversee and advise.
- c. **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. Mr. Baratz will talk to the neighbors, adjacent to the basin concerning buffer plantings on their yard.
- d. **Osprey Nest-** There will be a recognition ceremony for the Pa. Game Commission, the PECO Exelon Corporation, Mr. Mark Ruckno as well as Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department, to thank them for the work related to the Osprey Nest installed at the Bradford Dam.
- e. **Plant Sale- Wrap Up-** The plant sale was held on April 27, 2019, at the Warrington Township building. Close to 500 plants were pre ordered and sold at the event. Everything went well. Ms. Brown will develop a list of things we could improve on, if we do the sale again next year.
- f. **Bird Blind Improvements-** Mr. Pannerselvam discussed some improvements he would like to see at the Bird Blind. He and Ms. Brown will discuss possible improvements and present a plan. Mr. Pannerselvam would like to purchase some pamphlets and a box to place at the Bird Blind describing the birds that feed and migrate there. He made a motion to spend \$20.00 for the pamphlets and \$25.00 for the box. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- g. **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. The following members will be in charge of these projects:
 1. Fred Suffian- Buttercup Basin
 2. Mike Gross- Edible Forest
 3. Adele Weremeychik- Flower Planting
 4. Todd Baratz- Morning Walk Basin
 5. Nick Weremeychik- Bird and Bat Houses
 6. Lynn Laurelli- Butterfly Garden and Rain Garden

- 7.** Vinobha Pannerselvam- Clean Up at Bradford Dam and Hidden Court Basin
 - 8.** Barbara Brown- Lower Nike
 - 9.** Ruth Scheme- Mulching
 - 10.** Fred Gaines- Food Pick Up
 - 11.** Carol Baker and Shirley Yannich- Kitchen
- h. Open Space Update-** Ms. Ross and Ms. Schemm have formed 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. Baratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43PM. Mr. Weremeychik seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Ivy Ross-

Vice- Chairman, WEAC