



**Warrington Township  
Environmental Advisory Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
September 1, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

- 1. Call To Order, Pledge Of Allegiance:** Fred Suffian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Present were: Ruth Schemm, Supervisor; Fred Suffian, Chairman; Ivy Ross, Vice Chairman; Todd Baratz, Secretary; Adele Weremeychik, Member; Nick Weremeychik, Member; Barbara Brown, Member; Marilyn Laurelli, Member; Amy Crasto, Member; Joanne Mancini, Park and Recreation Liaison; Guy Powell, Member; and Joann Landue, member of the public.

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

- 2. Public Comment:** Ms. Joann Landue, 2138 Herblew Road, Warrington, Pa. Ms. Landue explained to the committee that her property has been impacted by an outflow channel placed at her property line by a condo association that built the basin around 20 years ago, as part of the development behind her property. Over the last 20 years the runoff coming into the stream on her property from this outflow has severely damaged her property and eroded the channel and damaged many mature trees. Ms. Ross and Mr. Suffian meet with the Landues at their property to view the damage. Ms. Landue shared some photos. The EAC made a recommendation that a meeting be held with Mr. Rieder, the zoning officer, Mr. Zarko, the Township Engineer, Mr. Suffian and Ms. Ross, to help make some recommendations about how the Landue's may be able to move forward to rectify the situation.

- 3. Business:**

- a. RF 100 Approval-**

Mr. Suffian stated that the Board of Supervisors passed the RF 100 Resolution at their last meeting. This Resolution aims to attain 100% Clean Energy by 2050, with interim milestones achieved by 2035.

- b. Climate Action Plan (DEP)-**

Mr. Suffian explained that passing the RF 100 was a good starting point as we begin work on our Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP). We received a technical assistance grant from the PADEP, to develop this plan. The LCAP program began in 2019 and has/is providing support to approximately 60 municipalities thru a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy

Program (SEP). PADEP has arranged training and technical support thru ICLEI USA, Local Governments for Sustainability. A student intern from Temple University is providing additional support. ICLEI's support and guidance will be through a series of training webinars and one-on-one technical assistance. ICLEI will guide our student/local government team in creating our greenhouse gas inventory and Warrington Township's Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Schemm asked that the Planning Commission be involved. Mr. Suffian explained that Ms. Yannich has already volunteered to be a member of our technical committee.

**c. Presentation of Species of Concern-**

Ms. Laurelli gave a presentation entitled "A Rare Find in Warrington". Mr. Cook, whom works for the Bucks County Conservation District was out at a job site, the storage facility on County Line Road, and found a plant identified and verified as Wild Senna. This plant is considered a rare species in Pennsylvania. Mr. Cook reported it to the proper agencies in order to get it listed on the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI). There are some other small areas where this plant exists, two being Bowman's Hill and Peace Valley Park.

Ms. Laurelli recommends that the EAC contact the landowner and ask if we can place a cage around the plant and inform them of its significance and recommended that it not be mowed. The EAC will formulate a plan.

**d. Meeting with Bucks County Parks and Rec-**

Ms. Ross explained that she and Mr. Oles, Warrington's Park and Rec Director, meet with Ms. Nagle from Bucks County Parks and Recreation, out at the Bradford Dam. Ms. Nagle just started at Bucks County, so we wanted to discuss ways we can work together at the Bradford Dam. We talked about the Grassland Birds and the need to have no-mow fields to support grassland bird nesting. We also discussed extending the no-mow season to accommodate the migration of Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators. Ms. Nagle agreed to no-mow fields between the months of March through October.

**e. Mowing Schedule –Basins-**

Ms. Ross discussed the need to put together a mowing schedule for when our naturalized basins will be mowed. We need to decide if they should be mowed once or twice a year and if this should be done in the Fall or the Spring. Lower Nike will be mowed before Warrington Day. Ms. Brown will do some more research and report on her findings.

**f. Maintenance Projects-**

Ms. Brown would like to schedule some yearly maintenance at some of our basins and planting locations. The first maintenance project will be at Lower Nike where the cages will need to be removed and weeded. Some cages and tree guards will also need to be permanently removed depending on the size of the shrubs and trees. Ms. Brown will email some dates and set up an event before Warrington Day.

**g. Healthy Planet Grant-**

Ms. Ross told the committee that we have been awarded the Healthy Planet Grant for \$15,000.00 to plant more trees and shrubs at the Weisel Preserve. Also included are interpretive signs and money to expand the beacon phone application.

**h. Website Update-**

Mr. Suffian stated that he is working with Ms. Wilson from the Township on updating the website.

**i. Blue Bird Locations for Houses-**

Mr. Pannerselvam explained that 30 blue birdhouses have been constructed. The next step is to find the locations for the houses. He plans to put the stakes in sometime in September and Ms. Ross will arrange for the PA1 calls. Mr. Pannerselvam stated that he would need help installing the houses. His goal is to install at least 20 of the houses, if not all of them.

**j. Lions Pride Bird House Garden-**

Mr. Suffian stated that we were asked to remove our birdhouse displays from the lobby of the Township building. Mr. Suffian explained that we will be creating a garden at Lions Pride Park (blue bird, bat house, screech owl house) in the first meadow along with educational mini signs along and a description of how to purchase these houses. Public Works will work with us to install the signs on the standard stop sign posts (metal square posts).

**k. Warrington Day-**

Ms. Ross stated that Warrington day is Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> and asked who was available to man the booth this year. Unfortunately, it appears we will not have the necessary coverage for a booth due to uncertainty with Covid 19 and members having previous commitments.

**l. Open Space Update-**

Ms. Ross explained that we are moving forward with the Master Plan and Parcel Easements. The next meeting with users, which were identified at the last EAC and Open Space Meetings, with Natural Lands will be sometime in October. Ms. Ross stated that Natural Lands is still all remote so these meetings will most likely be on zoom.

**4. Future Agenda Items-**

No future items were discussed.

**5. Adjourn -**

Mr. Weremeychik motioned, Ms. Weremeychik seconded motion to adjourn, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivy Ross / EAC Vice - Chair

