

## WNEAC Committee Meeting Notes-3/2/22

Attendees: Donna Suevo, Sue Devenny, Shari Donath, Richard Cole, Barb Pollarine, Commissioner Martin Miller

-Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

-Meeting minutes from February meeting were approved.

-Update on DEP recycling grant opportunities were presented. Donna contacted DEP for more information to determine what kinds of projects are being sought. Focus is on reducing waste and recycling in the current grant round. It was agreed that applying for a grant this go round is not possible because of short time frame. Agreed that we will discuss with township officials what their priorities are and work to have a grant application ready for next round.

-Barb contacted Tim Fenchel, deputy director of Schuylkill River Greenways Association, about their current grant opportunity. West Norriton has received grant in the past for riparian buffer at golf course. Committee has an idea for another similar project which we hope to apply for next year. Donna will contact township manager about going forward with a project next year.

-Demonstration monarch butterfly garden was discussed. Shari and Sue will work together to get site selected and plans done for this spring. Township has agreed to have this garden on township property at township building.

-Mr. Miller reported that as part of Energy 100 program it is likely that the next conversion to electric vehicles may be law enforcement vehicles. Barb Pollarine will check in with Valley Forge National Park about their cars and costs for conversion.

-Sue Devenny shared that Joe Webster, our state representative will be at an electric vehicle event for the public on June 4.

-Richard Cole reported on plans for a public information session regarding a possible plastic bag ban ordinance for township. Session will be presented by Penn Environmental for township on April 6 which is next scheduled meeting for the EAC. Information and agenda will be posted for the community on Facebook live broadcast as is done for commissioner meetings. Richard Cole will work with township officials on this. Commissioner Miller will follow up with township solicitor about following township rules about public meetings.

-Committee discussed the recent PA EAC environmental conference held via Zoom on February 26. Good information sharing and lessons from many Pennsylvania EACs about projects ranging from reducing air pollution to composting food waste projects. Many practical examples were shared about improving the environment and engaging the community in the process.

-Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

-Next meeting is Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.