

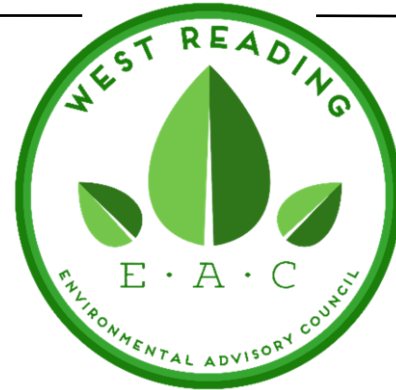
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**April 23, 2018**

### **Members Present**

Philip Wert (Borough Council member); Jenna Hiester (Resident); Karin Long (Resident); Patrick Kaag (Resident); Ryan Lineaweaver (Resident); Cynthia Madeira (Assistant to Borough Manager)

### **Visitors Present**

None

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM followed by an introduction of the three new resident members, Ms. Long, Mr. Kaag and Mr. Lineaweaver.

### **Old Business**

- a) Approval of February Minutes – Moved by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Hiester to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Motion carried. Approval of March Report – Moved by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Hiester to approve the workshop report of March 26, 2018. Motion carried.
- b) Recycling on Penn Avenue – Mr. Wert observed a number of the newly placed recycling containers along Penn Avenue being used as trash cans, possibly due to no designation of recycling on the containers. Ms. Hiester will research the cost and options to obtain recycling labels.
- c) Earth Day – The recent event yielded the largest number of volunteers. Forty-eight volunteers registered at the Community Garden, 20 volunteers at the Pavilion and six along Penn Avenue. In an effort to attract additional volunteers for future events, the following items were discussed:
  - Create a Community Fair type event
  - Request businesses to participate by offering items to raffle
  - Contests for: recycled garden item crafts; most collected items or number of streets cleaned
  - Informational speaker/motivator

- Inquire with Reading Hospital who may offer time off to staff members to volunteer
  - Request Girl/Boy Scout troop assistance
  - Provide children activities
  - Provide t-shirts to volunteers
- d) EAC Malvern Conference – Ms. Hiester provided a recap from her attendance to this conference, which was geared toward state offerings and resources. The following Items were discussed:
- Renewable or clean energy such as micro-grids
  - Protecting buffers
  - Pedestrian connectivity via sidewalk or bike trails
  - Sustainable community certification

Members discussed potentially creating an ordinance that would allow neighbors to connect roof top geo-thermal units or solar arrays across a number of units via easements.

- e) PA Sustainable Community Certification – Mr. Wert noted this voluntary program where completion of a survey would provide a score for the community, which could be used on grant applications. At the completion of the survey recommendations for improvement would be provided.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:00PM at  
West Reading Borough Hall**