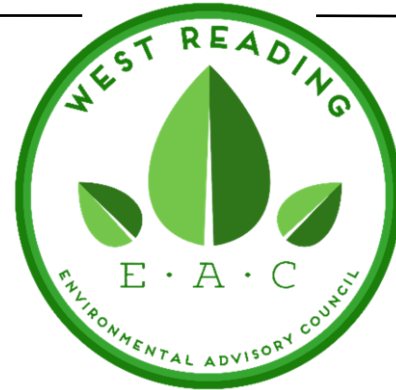

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MEETING MINUTES

May 29, 2018

Members Present

Council Member Philip Wert; Resident Jenna Hiester, Karin Long, Patrick Kaag, Ryan Lineaweaver; and Assistant to Borough Manager Cynthia Madeira.

Visitors Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Philip Wert called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Old Business

- a) Approval of April Minutes – Moved by Mrs. Long and seconded by Ms. Hiester to approve the minutes of April 23, 2018.
- b) Met-Ed Energy Audit – A Level 2 Energy Audit for Borough Hall has been scheduled with Consolidated Engineers this week. Mr. Wert noted a Met-Ed grant, administered by the Berks County Community Foundation, was previously awarded to the Borough in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Consolidated Engineers is honoring their 2017 proposal for a Level 2 Energy Audit in the amount of \$5600. A survey of existing conditions, including a review of utility bills will be completed with a report identifying potential energy conservation measures.
- c) Yard Waste Disposal Collection – Efforts continue to spread the word to residents to recycle yard waste at the Borough Garage located at 1st and Chestnut Streets in order to reduce the weight and cost of trash removal for the Borough. Mr. Wert noted the refuse contract ends this year and suggested obtaining a quote from a hauler to collect and remove yard waste. Members plan to research available options prior to the creation of specifications to request quotes for a new contract.
- d) Recycling on Penn Avenue – Mr. Wert noted additional signage has been placed on the recycling containers, which the Public Works Director noted has reduced the amount of trash placed within these containers. Ms. Hiester intends to obtain a list of summer

events from the Recreation Director to potentially provide recycling education for resident children. Members discussed at length the logistics of transporting event recyclable materials to potentially collect funds.

- e) PA Sustainable Communities Certification – Mr. Wert provided information from a previous survey, which achieved a silver level score of 100 and suggested the survey be completed again now that the ordinances are available online. Committee members agreed to review sections of the certification criteria in coming months to decipher areas where information can be provided to achieve points. A higher-level score could improve the chances to obtain grant monies. Also, future agendas could be created to improve areas where the Borough does not currently meet the certification criteria.
- f) Chair of Committee – Mr. Wert reported that he would like to resign as Chair of the committee and requested a motion to designate Ms. Hiester as the new Chair. Mrs. Long made a motion to designate Jenna Hiester as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, Mr. Lineaweaver seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00PM at
West Reading Borough Hall**