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# West Reading Environmental Advisory Council

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## MEETING MINUTES February 28, 2022

### Members Present

Chairperson Patrick Kaag, Samantha Kaag, Ryan Lineaweaver, Jim Keller, Nicole Phillips, Dean Murray Borough Manager

### Visitors

Paige West

### Call to Order

Mr. Kaag called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Lineaweaver and seconded by Mr. Keller to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022. Motion carried.

### Earth Day Clean Up

Mr. Kagg asked the members what day and time should the West Reading Earth Day Clean up take place. Ms. Kagg suggested the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, which is two days after Earth Day. Mr. Kagg reminded everyone that in April the weather can be an issue. Ms. Kagg suggested that we could move the clean up to a Saturday with a rain date then being on a Sunday. Ms. Kagg proposed that the time either be extended or changed due to religious services on Sunday. Mr. Lineaweaver suggested April 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Mr. Keller for the Earth Day Clean Up to take place on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at the West Reading Pavilion with a rain date of Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> and seconded by Mr. Lineaweaver. Motion carried.

### BBB Monthly Clean Up

Ms. Kagg suggested that we start the BBB Clean Up project in May 2022. Mr. Lineaweaver made a suggestion of starting on the first nice day coming up. Ms. Kagg informed the EAC that she is still working on creating the sections for this project and would like it to be launched appropriately. Mr. Kagg reminded the EAC members that the purpose of the BBB clean up is to get residents and volunteers out on a common day cleaning up with no set time. Mr. Murray suggested the 20<sup>th</sup> of March as the first BBB clean up as that is the first day of Spring. Ms. Kagg inquired about where the bucket of trash that the volunteers would collect would be disposed of at the end of each BBB clean up. Mr. Murray suggested the borough trash cans and asked if a webpage should be created with all the information. Mr. Kagg suggested that a Facebook page be created for volunteer information. Mr. Kagg suggested that residents can put the trash collected in their own trash bins since it will be just one bag. Ms. Kagg recommended that the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> be the first day of the BBB clean up. Ms. West inquired about what the BBB Clean UP is exactly. Mr. Kagg responded that a previous mayor

used to walk around the borough with a bucket and collect trash. The idea is to have a program that incorporates small clean ups throughout the year and not just two large ones. A motion was made by Ms. Kagg to have the first BBB Clean Up on the weekend of March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> and was seconded by Ms. Phillips. Motion carried.

#### **Tree Planting in the Park**

Mr. Kagg informed the EAC that there is an opportunity to volunteer with the West Reading and Wyomissing Rotary Club to help plant trees in the park. They are looking to plant somewhere between a dozen and 2 dozen trees along the Reading side of the creek down by the pool. Some of the trees are being planted to help with erosion while others are to line street. Ms. Kagg volunteered to create an event on Facebook for this opportunity. Mr. Keller recommended that West Reading create a general volunteer page for anyone looking to get involved in the community. Ms. Kagg informed the EAC that a page is already in the works for residents to see what type of volunteer opportunities are available. Ms. Kagg inquired about re-mulching the existing trees during this event. Mr. Kagg mentioned that he would look into how this would work. Mr. Lineaweaver suggested mulching around the disc golf holes as the weeds can become an issue quickly.

#### **Buy Nothing on Facebook**

Mr. Kagg mentioned the buy nothing page on Facebook that can be used to help residents recycle items to other residents rather than just throwing them away.

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Kaag and seconded by Mr. Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Phillips  
EAC Member