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# West Reading Environmental Advisory Council

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## MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2022

### Members Present

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

### Call to Order

Mr. Kaag called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Lineaweaver and seconded by Ms. West to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022.  
Motion carried.

### BBB Clean up

Mr. Kaag shared that the past weekend of August 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> was the 5<sup>th</sup> BBB clean up. He reminded the EAC members that this will continue to take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month. Mr. Kaag suggested that for the month of September we combine the BBB clean up with the Fall clean up on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am -2pm. Motion made by Mr. Keller and seconded by Ms. Phillips. Motion carried. Mr. Kaag suggested that the rain date be Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> for the Fall clean up. Motion made by Ms. West and seconded by Mr. Keller. Motion carried.

### Berks County Community Foundation Grant

Mr. Kaag announced that the Berks County Community Foundation will be awarding a grant through Met-Ed. This grant will be between three hundred thousand and five hundred thousand. Mr. Murray offered to look into the grant and see if it is something the borough could apply for. Mr. Kaag mentioned that the grant is specifically for a green building. Mr. Kaag announced that at 10am on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> there would be a tour at the borough garage to look into doing a solar project down at the garage. A motion was made by Mr. Lineaweaver for borough administration to pursue this grant. It was seconded by Mr. Keller. Motion carried.

### Free Market

Mr. Kaag reminded the EAC members that the Free Market will take place on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am -2pm. This event will combine the Free Market with a community potluck and spanish heritage month. Mr. Kaag stated that he will be putting out a flyer with all the information.

### Monthly MS4 Bulletin

Mr. Kaag stated the importance of stream maintenance. This includes removing pollutants and making sure the streams are free from debris

### Global Update

Mr. Kaag shared that scientist are discovering that seaweed farms can help reduce CO2 emissions. This is something that is being done throughout the country.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Lineaweaver and seconded by Mr. Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:11p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole Phillips  
EAC Member