

**Tredyffrin Township  
Environmental Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes**

*April 6, 2004*

**Present:**

**Members:** Tom Rodriquez (Chair), Bonnie Marcus, Bill DeHaven, Mitsie Toland, Jack Edson, Bill Bellew, Sean Moir  
**Township Staff:** Alyson Elliott, Mimi Gleason  
**Guests:** Pete Goodman, Trout Unlimited

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

**Approval of the February 3 and March 2, 2004 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**New Members:** Two new members, Bill Bellew and Sean Moir, were introduced. There is still one vacancy on the council. There was a discussion on the established objectives of the EAC for the new members, especially the initiatives that are being worked on by the members. Sean Moir volunteered to work on the trail issue and Mitsie Toland volunteered to work on open space/environmentally sensitive areas.

**Planning Initiatives – Watersheds:** There are six watersheds in Tredyffrin: Crow Creek, Valley Creek, Gulph Creek, Trout Creek, Crum Creek and Darby Creek. Members are championing the various watersheds. Sarah Ahmann-Kligman and Tom Rodriquez are working on Crow Creek which is mostly in Upper Merion. They are planning a joint dialogue with Upper Merion in 2004 and hope to apply for a grant in 2005. Mitsie Toland is working on Valley Creek. Tom Rodriquez is monitoring Gulph Creek. It is in mostly in Radnor, but does enter Tredyffrin near Eastern College. Radnor has been approached about forming a support group. Trout Creek does not have an EAC champion, and Bill Bellew volunteered for the position. The Township has been spending time studying and preparing to improve the watershed; they have filed a grant for cleanup and restoration of a portion of the stream. Crum Creek has a very large group monitoring it, and a very small portion of the stream in is Tredyffrin. A volunteer from the Malvern area will be sought. Darby Creek also has a large group supporting it, and a very small portion (near K-Mart) in Tredyffrin; that stream will be monitored, but has no EAC champion.

**Marketing of the EAC:** A presentation was made by Bonnie Marcus Bennett on the potential to “market” the EAC to the Township board, commissions, staff and residents as a resource in the community. A strategic plan is required including the goals, what we want to market, roles and responsibilities, etc. Ideas were presented for discussion and direction, and all commission members were asked to comment before the May meeting where there will be further discussion.

**Discussion on Flood Hazards Districts (Zoning Ordinance Section 208-171):** All members were asked to continue to review this section, and a full discussion was deferred until May.

**Wilson Park Opening:** The grand opening is being planned for the fall. The Township would like to have a gala celebration with as many residents as possible attending. The EAC will participate.

**Reports:**

**Board of Supervisors:** Mimi Gleason reported that the Board appointed our two new members. The Commissioners received the EAC Annual Report.

**Planning Commission:** Mimi Gleason reported that the PC expects the Althouse plans to be submitted this week for discussion at the April 15th meeting.

Parks and Recreation: Jack Edson reported that there were no pressing environmental issues.

Conferences Attended: Tom Rodriguez attended the SEPAEAC conference on March 6<sup>th</sup> and found it very informational. Sarah Ahmann-Kligman attended a conference on watersheds on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Other:**

The disposition of the superfund site funds for Valley Creek will be discussed at Summit I Conference in April.

The Park and Recreation Open Space Plan Committee will hold a public input meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30.

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day will be held at the Township Building from 9 – 3.

The stream cleanup of PCBs from the Paoli rail yard at 202 near Vanguard was discussed. The area will be disturbed during the cleanup, but Mimi Gleason reported that the area shows signs of past disturbances. She does not feel that the new work in the area will present any problems. There is a restoration plan in place for the area.

Conference attended and information on up-coming conferences will be a permanent agenda item.

The next meeting will be at 7:30, May 4, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Marcus Bennett  
Secretary