

Tredyffrin Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
28 May 2019

Present: Mary Westervelt, Chair; EAC members Rutger Boerema, Amber Levy, Tom Szwech; Board of Supervisors Liaison Kevin O'Neill; Engineering Liaison Erin McPherson.

Visitors: Mr/Ms Saunders, Helen Hzu.

Review/approval of 26 March meeting minutes

Introduction: Pete Goodman, Ann Murphy (Valley Creek Restoration Partnership). Discussion of proposed Stormwater Task Force (see attached).

Issue brought by Saunders': School District was preliminarily granted a variance for a parking lot to be built in connection with their expansion of Conestoga Highschool. The parking lot is proposed for the east side of Irish Rd directly below a current lot and above a neighborhood that experiences intense flooding already. Lot installation will require cutting down many large trees, some of which have 'specimen' status. School District must go to Tredyffrin Planning Commission June 20th as the next step in obtaining the variance.

EAC recommendations:

- Send an e-mail to Board of Supervisors
- Contact School Board members (note: School Board member Roberta Hotinski lives in school neighborhood) for more information and to voice concerns
- Use Nextdoor Berwyn to get the word out to neighbors to come to the June 20th meeting.

Reports

Tredyffrin Newsletter Articles, Spring issue

- Mary: Green roofs
- Jennifer Cox: Recycling

Signe: State EAC meeting 18 May, in Poconos. Sponsored by PA Land Trust Assoc., which coordinates all EACs. Crucial information for EACs: Need to network, not be fragmented. Go to info@conserveland.org to join a discussion forum. Also eacnetwork.org. Spotted Lanternfly was a hot topic of discussion. Lunch presentation: DCNR Regional Advisor about grants. They have webinars re: how to apply.

Stormwater (Mary)

- Mary has posted notice of rain barrel and rain garden workshops held at Haverford CREC (sponsored by Darby Creek Valley Association)
- No plan yet for further Tredyffrin stormwater events
- Doug and Mary will meet in the next few weeks to review information he's collected on past and present regulations, grant opportunities, and the like.
- Goals for year discussed:
 - Open-house type day to visit stormwater remediation solutions that work
 - Rain garden workshop, or formalize collaboration with DCVA on same

- Stormwater house calls? By October?

Clean energy (Rutger)

- Goals for 2019:
 1. Get a Level 2 charging station (2 plugs per station) installed at the township building and one at Tredyffrin Library by applying for DEP the rebate program 'Driving PA Forward'.
 2. Become a Bronze status SolSmart Township.
 3. Get the resolution 'Ready for 100' to the Board of Supervisors for a vote.

Note: More about 'Ready for 100' can be found at the Sierra Club website:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/southeastern/ready-for-100-chester-county>

See especially Rutger and Jennifer's 2018 presentation slides.

Recycling (Tom)

- Goals:
 - Quick-serve eateries to all have demonstrable recycling practices
 - Recycle bins at Gateway Shopping Center
 - (Get a plastic bag elimination ordinance written by year's end).
- Mary: Possible to push for a New-England-style recycling system, in which individuals are responsible for taking their recycling to a center and sorting it themselves? What would doing so entail?

New/unfinished business

- **Sum of April events**
 - **Clean energy expo** held as part of the Ready 100 Chester County effort; well attended, good information.
 - **Healthy Kids' Day, YMCA EAC** table well received in spite of high winds that kept many away.

New items

- **Signe: Suggests we seek high school volunteer labor for Westover Bird Sanctuary via required NHS hours: need to set up structure to support. Signe will talk to HS personnel about how to proceed.**
- **Dates, upcoming events (Hilliary has sent registration form for each).**
 - July 4th, 7 pm, Wilson Farm Park
 - Party in the Park, September 16th, 4-7 pmDecided to **not** have a table at July 4th, plan **to** have one Sept. 16th.

Amber: June 11: Work with kids at the gardens in the schools.

Meeting ended: 9:00

Next meeting: 23 July 2019