

Tredyffrin Meeting Minutes DRAFT
March 26, 2019

Present: Mary Westervelt, Chair; EAC members Rutger Boerema, Priyanka Kapadia, Amber Levy, Tom Szwach; Doug Anestad present by phone; Board of Supervisors Liaison Kevin O'Neill; Engineering Liaison Erin McPherson; Friend of EAC Jennifer Cox, guest Sharon Humble.

Welcome new EAC member: Amber Levy

February meeting: minutes as updated by Rutger approved.

Sol-Smart presentation

- Liz Compitello (DVRPC)
- **Background:** Solsmart is a NO-COST program from the Dept. of Energy to provide townships/boroughs with guidance on how to move to being solar friendly and how to integrate such a move into the comprehensive plan. Learn more at <https://www.solsmart.org>
- PA Solsmart Communities in our area: Chester, Cheltenham, Edgmont, Upper & Lower Merion, Philadelphia.
- Rutger: an advantage would be to work with other municipalities to encourage solar and get a solar system in public buildings.
- Kevin: we need to know what the process is in Tredyffrin for getting solar energy before we take this presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- Mary: before going to the Board of Supervisors, would like to know from other twps how Sol-Smart has helped them.

Clean Energy Expo March 30, West Chester: Posted on EAC page? Priyanka to check.

PennDOT/DEP-sponsored Great American Cleanup effort: April 13 – May 31 <https://gacofpa.org/>

Note: DCVA will hold a cleanup in Darby Creek Watershed April 13.

PennDOT website seems to focus on Adopt-a-Highway efforts.

Trout Unlimited/Valley Creek Restoration Partnership might be interested in initiating or participating in a cleanup. Tom to contact them.

Guest Sharon Humble noted that construction debris was dislodged during last summer's flooding in Trout Creek along Old State Road, especially around Coldstream. Recommendation was that she contact Public Works, who will probably take care of it.

Tidy Up Tredyffrin – Scheduled April 13, 20th. Website: tidyuptredyffrin.org. She works through Public Works. EAC to e-mail them, promote the effort.

Invitation from UMLY to have a table at three events:

- Tree Planting & Darby Creek Clean-up Day - Saturday, 4/13, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. We will probably not be involved in this, due to other commitments of a similar nature on that day.
- Healthy Kids Day - Saturday, 4/27, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. EAC will host a table. Priyanka: apples. Rutger and Amber: set up. Priyanka and Jennifer: noon on, take down. Mary will have materials from DCVA, as well as a rain barrel from them.

- Need to rewrite EAC brochure. Mary to draft and work with Priyanka. We will use restitution monies to print on good-quality paper.
- Need to prepare a 'where are the parks?' handout. Bonnie Witmer (Bird Town) started a list – we could add what birds to see where. NOTE: heron nests off Chester Valley Trail in former quarries. NOTE: is this the event where we want e-cars to be present? No response to date from Brian Raicic.
- Y Birding Day - Saturday, 5/18, 9 AM-1 PM (includes bird walks, live birds-of-prey shows, hawk watch, speakers, UMLY native plant, tree, & shrub sale)

Planning for 2019 Stormwater events

Kevin: Look into how legislation could work to improve stormwater control.

Three requests to date for info about stormwater, rain-garden workshops, and installation as result of EAC article in the winter Tredyffrin newsletter.

Mary wants to set up a tour of rain gardens and hold a rain-garden workshop. Priyanka to meet with Mary to plan both.

Valley Creek Restoration Partnership (VCRP) is presenting at next BoS meeting, April 22. EAC should attend.

Reports

Tom: Recycling: Goal is to have recycling bins in place and in use in all shopping centers. Jennifer to help with effort.

Update: Electric Vehicle Level 2 Charging Stations rebate program

Rutger reported: Mary, Rutger, and John Phillips from All Phase Electric visited the Twp Building and Tredyffrin Library to assess viability and cost for installing electric-vehicle charging stations. Estimates from the electrician came in at under \$10,000 at each location for two charging spots. Next Library Board meeting this Thursday. [Followup: Mary and Rutger attended. The Board overwhelmingly approved the idea of installing two charging stations at Tredyffrin Library. Paoli Library head Beverly Michaels said they had looked for a way to install stations there, but the lack of parking posed a problem.]

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.