

Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township
Meeting Agenda: October 28, 2025

- Call to order
- Approval of September minutes
- Welcome of other guests
- Nomination of Phil Witmer to fill vacancy: would go to November 5 BOS for approval.
Tom Szwech recognized for his service at last BOS meeting.

Updates

- Engineer's report. Also repeat request for EAC to get electronic copy of plans for 602 Old Eagle School Road
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Rec (Dale Kline)
 - Parks meeting update
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board
 - 602 Old Eagle School Road subdivision application – resubmitted with one additional unit, seeking waiver from Woodland Conservation Ordinance woodland disturbance limitation and compensatory planting requirements for eight lot subdivision. Anne Murphy reviewing RTK on October 23. Will need an electronic EAC copy of plan sheet as well (RTK itself does not permit).
- Parks Stewardship:
 - Wilson Farm Park:
 - Approximately 45 of 91 trees planted by contractor at Wilson Farm Park in northern tot lot playground redevelopment. Landscape architect from Simone Collins in contact with Anne with respect to installation of deer rub protection.
 - WFP EAC Trees and shrubs: Anne and Linda fertilized trees and some minor tree cage weeding. Still looking good after September 6 weeding. Winterberries fruiting at all three sites.
 - Mazie B. Hall Park
 - Bocce Grove Park
 - Shade tree planting?
 - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership:
 - Salt snapshot: Crabby Creek and throughout Valley Creek: conducted on Saturday October 4 (~10am); led by Jon Wilson with Dave Manning, Winnie, Phil, and seven scouts and their leader.
 - Infiltration trench monitoring- Purchased two Go-Pro style cameras, obtaining video to supplement and justify additional flow monitoring to be added to back of City Inlet.
 - Salt: A Winter Conundrum, Jenkins virtual program, Thursday, December 18, Kate Hutelmyer, Chester County Water Resources Authority, 7pm. EAC and VFTU are co-sponsors also with Jenkins.
 - Crabby Creek Park:
 - Minor weeding of cages of 2024 fall planting needed this fall.

- Parks Survey update/long term planning:
 - Strafford Park Rain Garden and Walkway Garden:
 - \$1,500 in funding secured for 2025, another \$1,500 potentially available for 2026, through Chuck Cutshall and Bank of America.
- Education:
 - Aqua – Essentials grant: Amber and Anne. \$1,050 grant award for EAC programming, plus \$1,450 donation for the library (including \$450 towards golf fundraiser. Grant theme is retrofitting/naturalization of stormwater basins.
 - Library fundraiser – EAC will decorate 18th hole (Amber and Tracy).
 - Community Day report—Saturday, October 4th: Lots of contact with neighbors, great deal of interest in us and activities, invited many residents to join meetings in the future.
 - Trex update
 - Gas-powered leaf blowers update: lots of support for Lower Merion's restrictions.
- Rain Garden Program:
 - Walkway garden: Anne weeded and watered throughout the summer and transplanted brown eyed Susans.
 - Rain garden – final fall weeding, plus transplant goldenrod to Wilson Farm Park rain garden, where tall, deer resistant perennials are needed.
- Clean Energy:
- Bird Update (Phil):
 - New property recognition program for homeowners focused on birds
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
 - Follow-up requested on two planted properties (lacking deer protection) and one property from 2024 clearing. EAC should create an additional page on alternative protection methods to provide with or attach to permits.
- School District
 - Final approval for donation for installation of nine trees along Valley Forge Road obtained at September 29 School Board meeting. Tree planting planned for Wednesday, October 29.
 - Tree planting at CHS site scheduled for October 27.
- Old/New Business
 - Bamboo ordinance: TBD
 - EAC fall conference: Saturday, November 15th at Penn State Great Valley (Malvern) <https://weconservepa.org/eac/>
 - Plastic use and heat: Inquirer article