



Tredyffrin Township Arts Commission

May 28, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM.

Present:

- Arts Commission Members: Angela Scully, Chair; Libby Bernick, Vice Chair; Pattye Benson, Secretary, and Cara Cline-Thomas
- Township Staff Liaison: Pat Hoffman
- Guest: Arima Agrawal, Conestoga High School, Little Free Art Club

Welcome:

- Arima Agrawal, student from Conestoga High School, was welcomed as a guest at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Libby, seconded by Angela, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Pattye to submit approved minutes to Pat Hoffman.

Arts Commission Matters:

Introduction and Discussion with Arima Agrawal

- Arima Agrawal, a sophomore at Conestoga High School, founded the Little Free Art Club. The club grew out of the Little Free Art Library at Tredyffrin Public Library, which her sister started in 2023. Library visitors can take a 3-by-3 canvas, create artwork in any medium, and return it to the drop box for display in the library.

Arima would like to expand the public art project to hospitals, senior centers, other libraries, etc. and is seeking support from TTAC. The commissioners discussed various ideas for collaboration, including financial support and student involvement in township arts events such as Community Day. With agreement by acclamation, Angela will follow up and ask Arima to provide a specific plan for her vision, including budget, funding, time commitment, and contact information for CHS club advisor. Further discussion at next meeting.

Budget Update

- There was discussion regarding budgeting for TTAC projects and events and the establishment of an approval process. Angela is to follow up regarding the use of emergency spending with the township staff.

A motion was made by Angela, seconded by Libby, and passed unanimously to approve expenditures as a "not to exceed" amount at a meeting prior to project or event.

A motion was made by Cara, seconded by Angela, and passed unanimously to include a budget update as agenda item for all meetings going forward.

Kindness Rock Painting Project

- Pattye reported that the Kindness Rock Painting project in collaboration with Open Land Conservancy (OLC) was a huge success. There were 70+ community members in attendance at George Lorimar Preserve on Saturday, April 11. Professional muralist Brittany Grala from King of Prussia and her two boys attended and helped with the project. An update on the rock painting project was presented at OLC's annual meeting in May, and its board of directors enthusiastically would like this to be an annual event. Pattye to follow-up with OLC president Ray Clarke regarding the placement of the painted rocks. The commissioners were appreciative for the additional advertising of the event by OLC with its substantial contact list.

A motion was made by Angela, seconded by Libby, and approved unanimously to approve the \$139.04 expenditure for rock painting supplies, including rocks, acrylic marker pens, and spray outdoor sealant.

Pattye suggested that the leftover painted rock project materials can be used for a TTAC project at Community Day.

Wharton Esherick Collaboration

- The collaboration for an event between the TTAC and the Wharton Esherick Museum could not be scheduled for 2026. Libby reported that the project is currently "on hold" but by agreement by acclamation will be revisited as a future opportunity, possibly for spring 2027.

Summer Clothesline Exhibit with VFNP

- TTAC will collaborate with Valley Forge National Park (VFNP) for its summer clothesline art exhibit on Saturday, August 15, 11 AM – 3 PM and will provide refreshments. The park is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is seeking artwork inspired by its surrounds to feature. Libby will check with VFNP for the exact wording for advertising of the event.

A motion was made by Pattye, seconded by Cara, and passed unanimously to provide refreshments for the VFNP summer clothesline exhibit in an amount not to exceed \$100.

Fall Art Show

- The commissioners discussed the 2026 Fall Art Show. For various reasons, it was decided that a textile or pottery exhibit would not be feasible. Libby suggested Valley Forge National Park as a theme for the exhibit. In addition to the 250th anniversary of the United States, 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of Valley Forge National Historic Park. The suggestion was to include all mediums of art, but the work would need to be framed and fit on the existing easels for display. Call for Art details, including dates of the fall art show to be discussed at June meeting.

Mural Project

- TTAC learned at the March meeting that the suggested location by the Parks & Recs board for the mural project in Wilson Farm Park was the back entrance to the park. Due to the lack of visibility at this location, the commissioners had discussed a painted recycled wind turbine bench as a possible option to a mural.

Members of the TTAC met with the Parks & Rec board on April 8 and presented the wind turbine bench project as an alternative to the mural and learned that for funding (\$5,500) they would need to present the project to the Parks Foundation. Angela, Pattye and Cara presented the project to the Parks Foundation via a zoom call on May 26. During the call, the commissioners suggested Friendship Park as a location for the wind turbine bench for a

couple of reasons – greater visibility at this location next to Rt. 252 and because Friendship Park was recently approved for a revitalization project. Angela received notice on May 26 that the Foundation approved the grant for \$5,500 with the understanding that the wind turbine bench project must go back before the Parks & Rec board for approval and then to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The combined \$10,500 grants from the Parks Foundation (\$5,500) and the Chester County Foundation (\$5,000) would be applied to the wind turbine bench, delivery, painting, and installation. Angela will request that the TTAC wind turbine bench project be placed on the Parks & Rec agenda for its June 10 meeting and on the Board of Supervisors agenda for its June 15 meeting for review and final approval.

Prior to the Parks & Rec meeting, Angela will contact the wind turbine company, Noblewins, for engineering specifications and design installation information in addition to updated delivery costs and timeline.

A motion was made by Pattye, seconded by Libby, and passed unanimously to approve the painted wind turbine bench project pending approval by the Parks & Rec Board and the Board of Supervisors.

- **Painted Piano Project Update**

Angela reported that Amtrak has not responded to the TTAC painted piano project application, which proposed Paoli Station as a pilot location. TTAC will consider other sites within the township, but the project will likely be postponed until 2027.

Township Publication Content

- Pattye reported that the TTAC article was submitted to Pat Hoffman before the deadline. The article included photos from the spring student black-and-white photography exhibit opening, including the Jurist Choice ribbon awarded to CHS student Zachary Deguire. Details and photos from the April 11 Kindness Painted Rock event were also included. Libby will send information about upcoming events to Pat for the July e-blast. The summer township magazine content is due by mid-July and will be discussed at the June meeting.

Adjournment

- Angela moved to adjourn the meeting, Cara seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, ending the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Arts Commission is Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattye Benson

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Secretary,
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