



Tredyffrin Township Arts Commission

July 23, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.

Present:

- Arts Commission Members: Angela Scully, Chair; Libby Bernick, Vice Chair; and Pattye Benson, Secretary
- Township Staff Liaison: Pat Hoffman
- David Miller, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Approval of Minutes:

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

Arts Commission Updates:

Board of Supervisor Liaisons

- David Miller, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, attended the meeting and the continued absence of the assigned BOS liaisons at TTAC meetings was discussed.

Wind Turbine Bench

- The Commission reviewed the wind turbine bench approval process, which has included discussions with the Parks and Recreation Board, the Parks Foundation, library staff, and the Tredyffrin Library Board.

The Tredyffrin Library Board was scheduled to meet later that evening, following the TTAC meeting, and Angela and Libby planned to attend. TTAC is seeking the Library Board's approval to install the wind turbine bench on library grounds near the lower parking lot entrance to the Children's Library. The bench would replace an existing bench and use the current concrete pad. TTAC will fund the project, and no new site work or concrete will be required. Angela will notify TTAC board members of the Library Board's decision.

If the Tredyffrin Library Board approves the wind turbine bench installation, Pat Hoffman will place the project on the Board of Supervisors agenda for Monday, August 17, for vote on final approval.

Little Free Art Club

- Angela shared an update from Arima Agrawal, a CHS student and founder of the Little Free Art Club. In partnership with TTAC, Arima and other Little Free Art Club members will participate in Community Day on Saturday, October 3, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. Painting materials, including small 3-by-3-inch canvases, will be available for the art activity.

Valley Forge Art in the Park Pop-Up Art Show

- TTAC will collaborate with Valley Forge National Park on the Valley Forge Art in the Park Pop-Up Art Show scheduled for Saturday, August 15, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. TTAC will provide bottled water for the event. The Commissioners also discussed preparing TTAC flyers or business cards as handouts at the event, and Libby offered to work on the design.

Fall Art Show

- The Call for Arts for the Fall Art Show, "Valley Forge: Then and Now" was advertised and submissions have started. The submission deadline is September 13, notification of acceptance is September 20, and the opening reception is Friday, October 9, 5-7 PM. The exhibition is October 5 – December 10. For the Fall Art Show, Libby will be the event coordinator.

The Commissioners discussed having Valley Forge rangers speak at the opening reception or during the run of the exhibition. Angela is to contact Carol Lawson as a possible jurist for the show. There was discussion about reaching out to the Conestoga HS Key Club for student volunteers to help with the art show. Various ways to promote the exhibition include TE Patch, township website and social media, Next Door Neighbors, etc.

Township Publications

- Libby provided information about upcoming TTAC events to Pat Hoffman for township distribution. Pattye provided an article to Pat for inclusion in the fall township magazine.

Commission Business:

Budget Update

- Because TTAC is awaiting a final decision on the wind turbine bench project, planning for the remainder of the 2026 budget remains uncertain. Depending on the bench expenditure, approximately \$1,000 to \$3,000 may remain available.

Once the turbine bench project is resolved, the August TTAC meeting should include a detailed discussion of how to use any remaining 2026 funds. Depending on the amount available, the Commissioners discussed ordering painted benches in 2026. Since the Chester Valley Trail is no longer an option, the Commissioners agreed on three possible locations, listed in order of priority:

1. Duportail House (behind the Federal Barn and the Jones Log Barn, next to the trail)
2. Lifetime Fitness
3. Gateway Shopping Center

Angela will contact Duportail House, and Libby will contact Lifetime Fitness and Gateway Shopping Center to determine whether they would be willing to provide space for a painted bench.

Other Venues for Art Shows

- The Commissioners discussed potential venues for future TTAC art shows as a way to reach a broader audience. Options included Surrey Services, Penn Medicine, Jenkins Arboretum, Tredyffrin Library, Parlor Doughnuts, and Embassy Suites Hotel. Angela reported that Jenkins Arboretum expressed interest in serving as a venue for a future TTAC Art Show.

Angela moved to approve \$250 to reserve Jenkins Arboretum for the Fall 2027 TTAC Art Show. Libby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Angela moved to request that Jenkins Arboretum hold dates for a TTAC Art Show in Fall 2028. Libby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Further theme and location discussion is needed for the Spring 2027 Art Show in April and May.

Adjournment

- Angela moved to adjourn the meeting, Libby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, ending the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Arts Commission is Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattye Benson

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Secretary,
Tredyffrin Township Arts Commission