

**Tredyffrin Township
Public Meeting
Minutes – July 20, 2026**

A public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township was held on the above date at the Tredyffrin Township Building and via Zoom. Board members present included Chair David Miller, Vice Chair Sharon Humble, KS Bhaskar, Eamon Brazunas, Julie Gosse (via Zoom), and Hans van Mol. Also, in attendance were Township Manager William Martin; Chief Operating Officer Dean Dortone, Chief Financial Officer Joseph DiRocco; Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna; Police Chief Mike Beaty; Assistant Director of Public Works David Duda; Director of Planning & Zoning Erin McPherson; and Recording Secretary Patricia Hoffman.

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 11/20/2025 issue of Daily Local and the 11/27/2025 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meetings dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2025 and were printed in the Township's newsletter 1/31/2026. The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the main entrance to the Township Building 7/16/2026. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chief Beaty on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the residents of Tredyffrin Township acknowledged retiring Community Policing Director Officer Joseph Butler for his 24+ years of service as a member of the Police Department.

Mr. DiRocco acknowledged Stanford Nishikawa for his years of services to the Township and its residents as a volunteer member of the Municipal Authority and as a Pension Trustee.

CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING HR-497

At 7:10 PM, Mr. Miller called to order a public hearing to consider and possibly adopt ordinance HR-497 to authorize the acquisition of a parcel located at 599 Park Ridge Drive.

At the end of discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Humble and was seconded by Mr. Bhaskar to adopt Ordinance HR-497 to authorize the acquisition of a parcel located at 599 Park Ridge Drive. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Brazunas – aye; Mr. van Mol – aye; Ms. Humble – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Notes of testimony were taken by Court Reporter Joanne Gusler.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Miller adjourned the public hearing and called to order the public meeting at 7:12 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PADOT completed work on the Multi-Way Stop at South Valley Road and Circular Avenue. Residents are reminded to follow the 25-mph speed limit and follow the new full-way STOP at this intersection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Humble, and passed unanimously to approve minutes of June 15, 2026.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Mr. Miller reported that Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

The Supervisors provided reports for the following meetings:

- Mr. Brazunas reported on the Planning Commission meeting held on July 16. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20.

- Mr. Brazunas reported on the Tredyffrin-Easttown Fire Commission meeting held on July 15. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19 at the Easttown Township Building.
- Mr. van Mol stated that the Municipal Authority scheduled for July 15 was cancelled as there was no new business to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21.
- Mr. van Mol stated that the next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17.
- Mr. van Mol stated that the Library Foundation Board held its annual meeting on June 23.
- Mr. van Mol reported on the Planning Commission meeting he covered on June 18.
- Mr. van Mol reported on the Traffic Committee meeting held on June 17. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16.
- Ms. Humble stated that the Park & Recreation Board does not meet in July or August but that their next meeting is scheduled for September 9.
- Ms. Humble stated that the next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for July 23.
- Mr. Bhaskar reported on the Environmental Advisory Council meeting held on June 23. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25.
- Mr. Bhaskar reported on the Library Board of Trustees meeting held on June 25. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23.
- Mr. Bhaskar stated that the Historical Commission scheduled for July 9 did not have a quorum, so the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10.

More information for these meetings can be found on the Township website in the minutes for each meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed unanimously to appoint Matthew Richard as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Resident Roland Johnson of Paoli shared his concern for the cost of renovations to Wilson Farm Park. He asked the Supervisors to consider repair/renovation work to the putting green. The Supervisors noted that there was significant work that was needed at the park.

Resolution: Officer Butler

Motion was made by Mr. Brazunas and was seconded by Mr. van Mol to adopt Resolution 2026-13 acknowledging Officer Butler's years of service. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Mr. Brazunas – aye; Mr. van Mol – aye; Ms. Humble – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Ray Clarke, on behalf of the Open Land Conservancy, thanked and acknowledged Officer Butler and his contributions, adding that the Township is losing a tremendous asset.

Library Event Request

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Ms. Humble, and passed unanimously to approve serving alcohol at the library on Friday, July 31, to celebrate the end of "Arbo-READ-um".

Historical Reenactment

Motion was made by Dr. Gosse and was seconded by Mr. Bhaskar to approve the Historic Commission's America 250 Reenactment Camp in Teegarden Park on September 19-20 and an expenditure of \$3,000.

Mr. Bhaskar commented on site security.

Chief Beaty spoke about such events he had experience with in the past and added that this event is supported by the Police Department.

Mr. Miller stated that the goal of this event is to educate about the British encampment prior to the Battle of Paoli.

Ms. Humble, as Park & Recreation Board liaison, stated that the Park & Recreation Board objected to this event in Teegarden Park. They questioned the location and access off Winston Way which Mr. Martin clarified was relocated to use the park's entrances and pavilion area. She added concerns about the burden on residents in the neighborhood near the park.

Mr. van Mol questioned the event schedule and the operational necessity of camping in the park overnight. He asked for and received information regarding what permits were being waived for this event (open fire, nuisance for musket firing, and use of the park overnight). He also noted that the Park & Recreation Board refused to approve the event.

Mr. Brazunas asked for and received information regarding where the reenactors would park. (offsite and shuttle to the park). He asked for and received information regarding how the public was being notified about the event. He questioned the appropriateness of the location in the park and the use of campfires.

Ms. Humble noted that there was an article in the last Township printed newsletter promoting the event before the Supervisors approved it. Mr. Miller noted that the Historical Commission had apologized for that oversight.

Dr. Gosse stated that this would be a positive event for the community and that the Historical Commission will continue to respond to any feedback they receive.

Mr. Brazunas asked for and received information about communications/conflicts with the sports leagues that use Teegarden Park.

Resident Margaret van Naarssen asked if the public would be able to attend the encampment to which the response was that it was open to the public.

Resident and Park & Recreation Board member Michelle Burger shared her concerns about this event. She also shared her concern about whether this could jeopardize the Township's lease with PECO for use of the land for the park. She added that encampments at Valley Forge National Historical Park do not permit overnight camping. She also added that this is a "trial run" for a possible larger encampment next year. She asked that all details for this event be put in writing between the reenactors and the Township.

Park & Recreation Board chair Diane van Mol shared her concerns regarding safety issues raised by the Park & Recreation Board and the list of questions they presented to the Historical Commission which they feel have not been satisfactorily answered. She also noted that this event was not approved by the Park & Recreation Board. She also questioned the need for overnight camping.

Historical Commission chair Rob Williams shared information regarding reenactors and shared the Commission's support for this event. He stated that the Commission and reenactors provided answers to the Park & Recreation Board questions. He added that the Historical Commission will have presentations during the two days of this event. Ms. Humble asked why overnight to which Mr. Williams responded that this was the usual procedure for reenactors and provided examples of Brandywine Battlefield and Battle of Malvern that permit overnight encampments.

The Supervisors clarified that visitors could visit the encampment during daylight hours.

There was discussion on the event being promoted prior to Supervisor approval.

Ms. Humble asked Mr. Williams how much larger the 2027 event would be if 2026 is a "dress rehearsal" to which the response was that there are about 30 reenactors this year and it could grow to 60 in 2027 as they plan to reenact the actual attack and march along the Chester Valley Trail to the Battle of Paoli. He added that this would be a Chester County level event.

Environmental Advisory Council member Anne Murphy expressed concerns about plantings the EAC did in Teegardin Park. Supervisors and Mr. Williams agreed to meet with Ms. Murphy at the park and view the area of concern.

Resident Tim Connor shared his support for this event.

After discussion, a vote was taken: Dr. Gosse, Mr. Brazunas, Mr. Miller and Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Mr. van Mol and Ms. Humble – nay. The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

Resolution: Chester County Grant Budget

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. van Mol, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 2026-12 urging the Chester County Commissioners to restore and fully fund land use planning, county farmland, open space and park preservation programs they eliminated in the 2026 budget.

Mr. Clarke stated that the Conservancy supports this resolution to restore funding.

Upper Weadley Road Project

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. Brazunas, and passed unanimously to approve the Proposal, dated July 7, 2026, from N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. for additional deteriorated stormwater relining/repairs on Upper Weadley Road east of the intersection with West Valley Road at a cost of \$187,745.

Mr. Bhaskar asked for and received clarification regarding the scope of this work.

Escrow Release

Motion made by Mr. van Mol, seconded by Mr. Brazunas, and passed unanimously to approve escrow release request #1 for the Tredyffrin Easttown School District Conestoga Athletic Field project in the amount of \$4,969,706.76; balance remaining \$517,716.77.

Resolution: Disposition of Records

Motion was made by Mr. Bhaskar and was seconded by Mr. van Mol to adopt Resolution 2026-14 to authorize the disposition of public records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual and in accordance with Act 428 of 1968. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Brazunas – aye; Mr. van Mol – aye; Ms. Humble – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Authorized Signer

Motion made by Mr. Brazunas, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to authorize Dean Dortone, Chief Operating Officer, as an authorized signer for Township Deposit Accounts.

Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair

Motion made by Mr. van Mol, seconded by Mr. Bhaskar, and passed unanimously to approve emergency sanitary sewer main repair on Pugh Road by PJ Reilly at a cost of \$21,069.68.

Chesterbrook Pump Station Repair

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. van Mol, and passed unanimously to approve pump replacement and new gate valve at the Chesterbrook Pump Station at a COSTARS cost of \$57,980 from Municipal Maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. van Mol and passed unanimously to table consideration indefinitely of the change Order #1 basketball court for 355 Chase Road Park and include it as part of the discussions for the 2027 budget.

Mr. Brazunas shared concern about possible cost increases if this is delayed.

Mr. DiRocco reviewed the budget for this project and noted that the Supervisors made the decision to accelerate the project and reduce the timeline from 5 years to 2 years. He noted that any of the parts of the projects that involve paving had seen dramatic cost increases. He also noted that all aspects of the site were deteriorated and could not be salvaged.

Resident Carol Clarke asked for and received explanation regarding the increased costs for the project.

Mr. Johnson expressed his opinion on the process of how this project was implemented.

Mr. Miller shared information on the number of meetings by various Boards and Commissions discussion 355 Chase Road over the last 5 years.

Chesterbrook Civic Association president Joanna Fisher shared that the Supervisors and staff were clear about accelerating the timeline for this project. She noted that there was a need in the Township for a racquet center (pickleball and tennis) and a connection to Wilson Farm Park. She also noted that the Association supports this project.

Mr. Clarke expressed his opinion that the Supervisors did not follow the usual processes for a project of this size.

Mr. Connor noted that the use of this site as a park is far better than the townhouse development that was originally proposed by a developer.

Mrs. Clarke asked for and received information regarding the scope of the project.

Chesterbrook resident Sharon Stein expressed her support for this project.

Chesterbrook resident Susan Ricci expressed her support for this project and asked for and received information regarding the lighting for the site.

NEW MATTERS

Board

Mr. van Mol thanked the staff and the Police Department for their handling of the 4th of July event.

Citizens

Resident Arlene Talley asked about an investigation into Township police procedures regarding the murder that occurred earlier this year. Chief Beaty responded that Township police action fell within the parameters of what is allowed by PA state law and added that there is no investigation at this time. Mr. van Mol added that it would be up to the Pennsylvania State Legislature to amend state law regarding gun rights and “red flag” status and added that the state law has preemption over municipalities.

Ms. Murphy asked for and received clarification regarding the Planning Commission memo that was a non-agenda item in the packet.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for August 17, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman
Recording Secretary