

**Tredyffrin Township
Public Meeting
Minutes – March 16, 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, Carlotta Johnston-Pugh, 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; Township Engineer Stephen Burgo; Director of Operations Darin Fitzgerald; 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 3/12/2026 and at the main entrance to the Township Building 3/12/2026. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

INCIDENT OF 3/7/2026

Statement provided by Mr. Miller on behalf of the Board of Supervisors regarding the tragic incident that occurred on March 7th at Contention Lane and Old State Road.

Statement provided by Chief Beaty regarding the incident, reviewed the events and the steps taken by the Department.

A moment of silence was held for Megan Nieberle.

A Township resident shared her concern about a lack of communication the night of the incident.

Resident Joseph Maugeri shared his concern about a lack of communication and provided an example of steps followed in Haddonfield New Jersey for a similar incident.

Resident Calvin Cizek shared his concerns about whether this incident was preventable and asked for a follow up public forum.

Resident Katie Angstadt (via Zoom) shared her concerns regarding receiving notification about the incident.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Supervisors would like to acknowledge Conestoga High School students Pranit Arora, Miya Cao, and Daniel Loza and their mentor Karen Mull, as winners of the PennDOT Innovations Challenge for District 6. Now in its ninth year, the PennDOT Innovations Challenge is a statewide competition for high school students, encouraging them to develop innovative and strategic solutions to real-world transportation challenges.
- There are still a limited number of seats available for the bus trip to New York City to see Wicked. Go to the Township website to sign up.
- A reminder for motorists to drive carefully and follow the posted speed limit near South Valley Road and Circular Avenue as PennDOT installs a 4-way stop sign.
- A reminder that the annual Stormwater Inspection Reports are due by April 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. van Mol, and passed unanimously to approve minutes of March 2, 2026.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

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

Supervisor Liaison Reports

The Supervisors provided reports for the following meetings:

- Mr. Brazunas reported on the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 19 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19.
- Mr. Brazunas reported that the next meeting for the Tredyffrin-Easttown Fire Commission is scheduled for March 18. He thanked everyone who has worked on getting the Commission to this point.
- Mr. Brazunas reported on the Historical Commission meeting held on March 12. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9.
- Mr. van Mol announced that the first Traffic Committee meeting for 2026 is scheduled for March 18 at 7:30 AM in Keene Hall.
- Ms. Humble reported on the Park & Rec Board meeting held on March 11. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8.
- Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Mr. Miller, and passed unanimously to approve the Girl Scout Gold Award project by Vivian Peng to plant a replacement tree in Strafford Park.
- Ms. Johnston-Pugh reported on the Arts Commission show stating that two of the students' photographs have been sold so far. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26.

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

2025 Planning Report

Motion made by Mr. Brazunas, seconded by Ms. Humble, and passed unanimously to adopt the 2025 Subdivision and Land Development Activities Report as required by the Municipalities Planning Code.

CCPC – Township Comprehensive Plan

Motion made by Mr. van Mol, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to authorize staff to engage with Chester County Planning Commission to update the Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Capital Purchase – Water Rescue Equipment

Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve the capital purchase of water rescue equipment for the Tredyffrin-Easttown Fire Department at a cost of \$25,293.55.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh asked for and received clarification regarding the cost, and Mr. Miller added that this purchase was in the 2026 budget.

Resident James Durante (via Zoom) asked if relief funds could be used for this purchase to which the response was that relief funds are used for volunteer equipment needs and not career staff and this capital purchase is for career staff equipment.

Library Events 2026

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Mr. van Mol, and passed unanimously to approve serving wine and beer at the following Library events in 2026: April 21 - Book, Buzz & Bites; May 15 - Donor Reception, and November 6 - Adult Par-TEE.

Mr. Bhaskar noted that these are fundraising events for the libraries.

Resolution: National Libraries Week

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar and was seconded by Dr. Gosse to adopt Resolution #2026-10 proclaiming National Libraries Week. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Mr. Brazunas – aye; Mr. van Mol – aye; Ms. Humble – aye; Dr. Gosse – aye; Mr. Bhaskar – aye; Ms. Johnston-Pugh – aye; Mr. Miller – aye. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

HMGP Grant Application

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to authorize executing a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through PEMA and Tredyffrin Township associated with HMGP 4506 - Yellow Springs Road.

Mr. Burgo noted that this is for a home acquisition for property in the flood plain.

Mr. Bhaskar commented on stormwater issues and the need to preserve trees throughout the Township.

Ms. Johnston-Pugh asked for and received clarification on maintaining the trees on the property.

Green Light Go Grant – Lancaster Avenue in Paoli

Motion made by Mr. Bhaskar, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve Green Light Go Grant Funding Commitment Letter for Lancaster Avenue Detection Upgrade and ATSPM Implementation Project.

Mr. Burgo noted that the funding is in the 2026 budget and the five-year capital plan.

Consultant Work for Multi-modal Project

Motion made by Mr. van Mol, seconded by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, and passed unanimously to authorize staff to work with Bowman on preparation and submitting a Multi-Modal Grant for Valley Forge and Swedesford Roads pedestrian enhancement project design.

EAC member Anne Murphy asked for and received clarification on the location of the planned work.

Mr. van Mol offered any assistance he could provide with the grant request.

Reallocation of Grant Funding

Motion made by Ms. Humble, seconded by Dr. Gosse, and passed unanimously to approve installation of bathroom facilities at Mill Road Park using the Greenways Trails and Recreation Program grant funds at an approximate cost of \$140,000.

Authorize Public Hearing for HR-495

Motion made by Ms. Johnston-Pugh, seconded by Mr. van Mol, and passed unanimously to authorize advertising a public hearing on April 20, 2026, for Ordinance HR-495 to amend Chapter 4, Administration of Government, Article VII, General Provisions, of the Code of Tredyffrin Township.

Authorize Public Hearing for HR-496

Motion made by Mr. van Mol, seconded by Mr. Brazunas, and passed unanimously to postpone authorizing advertising a public hearing for Ordinance HR-496 to amend the Township's Home Rule Charter pending further comments.

NEW MATTERS

Board

Ms. Johnston-Pugh commented on a SEPTA bus stopping near Gateway Shopping Center to which Chief Beaty said the Department would follow up.

Citizens

When a resident asked if/when the bathroom facilities in the parks were locked overnight, the response was that they are locked at 10 PM.

Resident Christina Kovarick questioned if there was a central location to get information regarding the incident of March 8 to which the response was to contact the Chester County District Attorney's office as they are leading the investigation. Ms. Varga then asked if the Township was offering any community services to help citizens process what happened to which the response was that they were not at this time. She then asked that consideration be given for how any future incidents such as this may be handled and how, once this investigation is complete, how the information will be shared.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 20.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman
Recording Secretary