

Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township
Meeting minutes: May 27, 2025

Members: (4) Jonathan Wilson (Chair), Amber Levi (Vice Chair), Anne Murphy . Susanne Hay (Acting Secretary)

Associates: Dale Kline, Gus Feudale, Kim Tempas

Liaisons: KS Bhaskar (Supervisor), David Midgley (Engineering), Ernie Falcone (Historical Commission)

Guests: Tom Smarr, Ted Patterson, Tom Heisey (all on behalf of Jenkins Arboretum), Kate Farrow, Monty Harris, Nancy May, Arthur Zadrozny, Linda Nelson

- Call to order: 7:00
- April minutes approved
- Welcome and introduction of guests

Updates

- Engineer's report, Dave: Strafford Library Permeable Pavement (lower parking lot) has been completed, awaiting permeable asphalt flood test before reopening; Bair Road infiltration improvement is completed; Upper Weadley (between Willis and Woodcrest) underground infiltration project has been approved by Supervisors; Gregory Lane, finalizing engineers report and utilities, is expected to go out to bid in June.
- Treasury report, Anne: Reimbursement still due from DEP for residential rain garden program, due upon submission of final report.
- Historical Commission, Ernie: Planning for the America 250 celebrations includes ongoing discussions about coordinating events with other municipalities, non-profits and T/E schools. Monthly zoom meetings held by Chester County will start June 9 at noon and will take place every second Monday of the month going forward. A British reenactment camp at Teegarden Park is taking shape: volunteers will build their own tents from foraged materials. In conjunction, a walk is planned from Teegarden Park along the Chester Valley trail towards Malvern. The recent Historical Commission neighborhood walk in Berwyn on Saturday, 5/17 attracted about 50 people and was a success. A new non-profit, the Tredyffrin Heritage Center at Duportail House, an education center about Tredyffrin's history is taking shape. The Roughwood Center for Heritage Seeds, currently located on Old Lancaster Rd, is still looking for a new site to relocate. Ideal locations include 1-1.5 acres in a sunny location, and space for refrigeration of the seeds.
- Jenkins Arboretum: Executive director and board members of Jenkins Arboretum reported on their restoration project along a stream at Devon State Rd, which improved stormwater movement at Jenkins and was funded by a grant from PennDOT. The EAC was asked to support naming the currently unnamed stream which is part of Trout Creek tributary. Ideally this name should reflect the historical background of the land and/or its previous inhabitants.
Going forward, an infiltration bioswale on the Jenkins grounds is planned with help from Tredyffrin township and a future grant.

Deer problems at Chesterbrook Parcel 19, Arthur Z: A resident on Painters Lane, Art reported on the persistent problem of deer damage to understory growth. About 50 heritage trees have been counted with no understory left in this parcel. He reported on the more successful deer management at Valley Forge Park and reached out to Chester Valley Deer Management (Ray Clarke). Supervisor Bhaskar reported on successful culling with bow and arrow from an elevated stand in a confined area in his neighborhood on Wisteria Lane. The EAC is in support of culling by licensed hunters in this Chesterbrook neighborhood.

- Parks and Rec: no report
- Parks Stewardship:/
 - Wilson Farm Park:
 - Weeding session of the tree circles at the swale scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 9-10 am
 - Mazie B. Hall and Bocce Grove Parks:
 - Continuing to watch for re-emergence of knotweed
 - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership
 - End of Projects Meeting/Presentations: Thursday, May 22, 11am, Keene Hall. 25 people attended a good meeting which was followed by a site visit to the infiltration trenches on Beechwood. Thank you to Linda Nelson for assisting.
 - Anne completed work on \$100,000 matching DCED grant for \$150,000 grant for Lizbeth Lane infiltration project.
 - Crabby Creek Park
 - Annual Macro Invertebrate Study of Crabby Creek in the Park on Sunday, April 27 produced best results yet: larger counts of organisms, higher scores, 92% of pollution-sensitive organisms
 - Parks Survey update/long term planning:
- Education:
 - Aqua – Essentials grant:
 - Presentation on Tuesday, April 29, by Cory Trego, Gannet Fleming engineer and streambank restoration specialist was excellent. 25 people attended in person with another 21 following along online. Thank you to library staff, Anne, Phil, Winnie and Jennifer.
 - Library path garden weeded by Anne and Susanne; five new shrubs were planted, one of which was in conjunction with an educational session with preschoolers.
 - New Township website is now live! Contact Gabby to upload relevant EAC files.
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- Recycling & Waste Management:
 - TREX update, Nancy May for Tracy: Library TREX bin is going well. A discussion ensued about potentially adding back weather-resistant collection bins to WFP.

Wegmans is still collecting plastic film inside their store by Customer Service desk.

- Despite an updated ordinance on Solid Waste, Chapter 168, adopted by the BOS in the fall of 2024, waste haulers are not following the requirements, which would greatly improve proper recycling and composting of yard waste in the township.
- An event highlighting electric landscaping equipment will take place on June 17, 9am-1pm at Ludington library in Bryn Mawr. This event is sponsored by Lower Merion, Haverford, Springfield townships and the Narberth Borough and supported by Penn Environment. It is highly recommended to pass this information along to landscaping contractors. Registration required at www.lowermerion.org/elawns
- Rain Garden Program:
 - A weeding and planting session is scheduled for the library rain garden on Friday, May 30 at 2 pm.
- Clean Energy:
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
 - Updated permit was sent to Erin
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board:
- Old/New Business
 - School District: Plans to plant trees along Valley Forge Rd by VF Middle School using \$5000 from Anne Ikeda forming

Meeting adjourned: 8:30

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 24