

Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township
Meeting Agenda: June 24, 2025

- Call to order
- Approval of May minutes
- Attendance: Amber Atwood Levy, K.S. Bhaskar, Anne Murphy, Tracy Viola, Dale Kline
- Welcome of other guests: Andy O'Brien, Emily Bell, Lee Hall, Winnie Shaw Hope, Nancy May

Updates

- Engineer's report: Dave Midgley
 - Bids opened and awarded for The Willows at Upper Weadley to N. Abenizio
 - Large detention basin and underground infiltration basin above Willows Ln
 - Hoping construction commences in late Aug/early Sept, dependent on contractor's schedule and materials
 - Gregory Ln above Jenkins
 - Underground infiltration bed above Cul de sac
 - Opening 7/2, hopefully with approval on 7/21
 - Strafford Rd, Bair Rd both completed
 - Glenhardie: sink hole opened up near bridge; testing area to determine extent of hole
 - Repair of storm water pipes on Bair Rd and Upper Weadley
 - Had reduction/no calls from last major storm in areas where infiltration projects have gone in
- Treasury report
 - Anne working with Joe DiRocco to work on wires for rain garden grant
- Historical Commission
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- Parks and Rec
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- Parks Stewardship:
 - Wilson Farm Park:
 - Work session conducted on May 31: weeding and mulching EAC tree circles for Wilson Farm Park. Thank you: Gus, Kim, Kate Farrow, Anne.
 - Work session conducted on June 11: weeding Wilson Farm Park Rain Garden. Thank you: Jennifer, Linda Nelsen, Pete Goodman, Anne.
 - Parks & Rec filling watering bags in newly planted 6 trees in Strafford; test project and if successful will expand to include trees in Wilson Farm Park
 - Mazie B. Hall Park:
 - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership:
 - Anne submitted \$100,000 DCED grant for Lizbeth Lane Stormwater infiltration project
 - Crabby Creek Park:

- Parks Survey update/long term planning: Strafford Park walkway garden?
- Education:
 - Aqua – Essentials grant:
 - Approx \$140 of Remaining grant money used to print 100 copies of *Caring for your streamside property* brochure (balance of \$130 cost shared with Embrace a Stream grant) since all copies given out at meeting. Make available to Open Land Conservancy, future EAC outreach, Easttown or Charlestown EACs
- Status of EAC Webpage improvements:
 - Host the archive of Stormwater Task Force documents on EAC page
 - Supervisors want to take it down page; materials still exist on server
 - Emailed Gabby about having info live on EAC portion of site
 - Anne to review EAC portion of website
 - Bhaskar to ask Gabby about creation of EAC Instagram and Blue Sky
- Recycling & Waste Management:
 - Second location for TREX plastic collection: Gateway Center
 - Olivia from Gateway is willing to run a trial with two bins between Staples & Five Below
 - Group in agreement to run a trial and if successful, will ask to increase the bins; not going to advertise new bin location and see how well adopted
 - To start in September
 - Gas-powered leaf blowers update
 - Still meeting with Penn Environment
 - Electric landscaping demo successful but wrong timing
 - Trying to raise awareness for homeowners to make their own switches and request landscapers not use gas leaf blowers
 - Single haulers not doing leaf pickups
 - Having problems with collections on some roads
 - Concerned if push too hard on haulers to collect compost they might not want to service township
 - Bhaskar to follow up with Bill Martin and Joe DiRocco to see enforcement options
- Rain Garden Program:
 - Weeding of library rain garden conducted on Friday, May 31. Thank you: Monty Harris, Suzanne, and Anne
- Clean Energy:
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board
- Old/New Business
 - Request from Erin: Initial research into bamboo ordinances?
 - Andy O'Brien: nothing in township ordinance relating to bamboo
 - Want to introduce language for bamboo ordinance
 - Anne, Amber, Jon?, and Kate Farrow? to help with initial research

- Emily Bell to look into urban wood reclamation market for bamboo
- Emily Bell, chair of tree committee at Old Forge Crossing; management and board now assuming that role; available to help with EAC
- Lee Hall, lawn replacement
 - Way to organize best practices as a resource for HOAs?
 - Phil - birdtownpa.org has resources for HOAs
 - Wondering if we can have more pedestrian and bike friendly crossings
 - Tredyffrin Twp intermodal studies have looked at ways to have easier access for
 - Do not have grants to install sidewalks; with community support, board would be willing to direct engineering to research grants
 - Engineering has looked at boardwalk system
 - Willing to help and get involved
- Amber raised possibility of fundraising in the fall
 - Tabling issue until August meeting when, hopefully, have update on grant funds