

Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township

Meeting Agenda: August 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

In attendance: Amber Atwood Levy, Winnie Shaw Hope, Phil Witmer, Samantha Whiteside, Tracy Viola (phone), Dale Kline, Jonathan Wilson, Anne Murphy, Kim Tempas, township engineer liaison Dave Midgley, Supervisor K.S. Bhaskar, Parks & Recreation board chair Diane van Mol

- Call to order
- Approval of June minutes
- Welcome of other guests

Updates

- Engineer's report
 - Bioswale project at Jenkins Arboretum approved
 - Updates on current projects
 - Questions asked regarding relining of stormwater pipes
- Historical Commission
 - September Overnight Encampment/Reenactment at Teegarden Park: EAC input
 - Identified eleven oak trees of concern with Historical Commission in order to space campfires and sites to try and keep encampment fires and supply trucks outside of driplines of mature oak trees
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board/Planning:
 - No update on 602/660 Old Eagle School Road application
 - Update on Upper Uwchlan's data center ordinance and work on potential Tredyffrin Township ordinance
- Parks Stewardship:
 - Wilson Farm Park:
 - Rain gardens: Need to schedule weeding of rain garden cages, planting of three more shrubs in August/September
 - Tree plantings and swale: need to schedule a cage weeding in early September
 - Mazie B. Hall Park:
 - No mow signs and flags installed.
 - Bocce Grove Park:
 - Wildflower restoration area weeded by Anne and Phil. Flags and a no mow sign installed.
 - Could plant three more trees from Chuck Cutshall donation
 - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership:
 - Working on a \$190,000 matching grant for Lizbeth Lane Infiltration System from the Trustee Council. Includes 75% funding for performance upgrades to Williams and Laurel Lane systems identified by the Partnership's post-construction performance-monitoring sensors

- Crabby Creek Park:
 - Elementary school children observed catching cray fish. Advised them to put them back
 - Minor cage weeding, more fencing of natural regeneration- schedule in October
 - Propose to introduce new sweet gum trees by harvesting “gum balls” collected from Wilson Farm Park walking trails in order to increase tree species diversity of park and in order to provide increased disease resistance
- Parks Survey / long term planning:
 - 595 Park Ridge Drive: proposal received. Ordinance passed to acquire 599 Park Ridge passed; residents not signed
- Education and Community Service:
 - Aqua, Essentials grant: Stormwater: Valley Forge Elementary School Stormwater Basin – sign complete, adding donated plants, “new donations welcome” sign complete
 - Aqua: request by Krista Seng of the Essentials Foundation for someone from our EAC to attend Schuylkill Action Network’s Stormwater Workgroup meetings
 - Trout Run tributary behind Gateway section near Swedesford Rd: Being monitored by Dale
- Recycling:
 - Glass bin:
 - Discuss with Easttown EAC at September 29th meeting
 - Trex:
 - New community member interested in helping with pickup: Brian
 - Gas-powered leaf blowers:
 - Kim Tempas to provide an update.
 - Targeting to present argument to craft a gas-powered leaf blower at 10/19 supervisor’s meeting
 - Plastics ordinance:
 - Skip the slip/stuff update: drafting a letter to Paoli Business Association.
 - Working to connect with other business associations
- Rain Garden at the Strafford Library
 - Additional \$1,000 located in Essentials grant for VF Elementary stormwater basin naturalization- plan to prepay maintenance, plants for library rain garden and VFE stormwater basin naturalization for 2027
 - Weeding of mostly the berm by Linda, Anne, and Jennifer; looking good! Plants added by Linda
- Bird Town Update:
 - Bird City network update for Tredyffrin Township at next meeting
 - Working to get 6-month license to show movie “The Extraordinary Caterpillar”
 - Old Forge Crossing forming an eco-committee w/in HOA
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:

- Still need assistance updating email list to tree companies, and will compare lists with township
- School District: no report
- Old/New Business
 - Fall meeting with Easttown EAC September 29th,
 - TT & ET combo meeting on for Tues, 9/29 @ 7pm, Easttown Library
 - WeConserve PA is having their '2026 EAC & Municipal Sustainability Conference' on Saturday 10/24. Registration is \$90.
 - T Shirt order
 - Amber to investigate what happened with order cancellation
 - Street Tree planting (resident donation and other sources)
 - Anne, Linda, and Winnie met with Parcel 19 president to look at possible tree planting sites in Chesterbrook and Parcel 19
 - Township approved planting at Valley Forge Road fire station, but along the berm, not along the road.
 - Green HOA: nonprofit started by Emily Bell, would like to talk to EAC at October meeting
 - Bamboo ordinance: on temporary hold due to new technical difficulties with removal recommendations; one additional resident inquiry (Green Road next to new home)
 - Community Day is Saturday, October 3rd, from 1–5pm at Wilson Farm Park