Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township
Meeting Agenda: September 22, 2026
7:00pm, Tredyffrin Township Building

In Attendance: Samantha Whiteside, Philip Witmer, Jonathan Wilson, Dale Kline Winifred, Shaw Hope, Amber Atwood Levy, Kim Tempas, Tracy Viola, Anne Murphy, Linda Nelsen, township engineer David Midgley, supervisor K.S. Bhaskar
resident guests: Jonathan Zalepa, Rich Stratton, Rachel Zicharu, Frank James Cellucci

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

<u>Updates</u>

- Engineer's report
    - Willis Lane
        - 98% complete
        - Tree grids and stakes provided by EAC to homeowner adjacent to project
    - Planned rain garden at 336 Chase Road
        - Still in design phase
    - Phase 2 of Jenkins bioswale started
- Treasury Report
    - Approval of Anne Murphy reimbursement $148 expenses from township account for:
        - Engineering prints $20.59,
        - Engineering prints $7.92,
        - ten 4' posts for =Willis Lane tree grids $71.23,
        - reprint Stormwater Swale sign for WFP- $35,
        - 2 EAC No Mow signs $6.58,
        - display foam board $6.99
            - total approx. = $148
        - metal poles for Willis Lane deer protection (approx. $75) from petty cash
    - Approval of Tracy Viola reimbursement $70 expenses from Twp acct for 100 blue plastic bags for plastic film
- Historical Commission
    - September Overnight Encampment/Reenactment at Teegarden Park this Saturday
- Community Day: Saturday, October 3rd: 1–5pm, Wilson Farm Park
    - Volunteers
    - List of activities (seed distribution/games)
        - Compost board
        - "Leave the leaves" poster

        - Seed giveaway
        - How to save a tree
- Tredyffrin-Easttown EAC meetup: Tues, 9/29 @ 7pm. Please attend if you can!
    - Being held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, not Easttown Library
    - Try to connect with a counterpart or likeminded individual at the meeting
    - Discussing a variety of issues, from waste to tree programs.
- Parks and Rec:
    - Trout Creek update:
        - No new dumping but keeping an eye on flooding
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board/Planning:
    - 602/660 Old Eagle School Road September 17 Planning Commission
        - Preliminary approval granted to developer
    - Staff work on Data Center ordinance
        - Internal draft still under review by township
    - Consideration of impacts of drone delivery on local environment
- Parks Stewardship:
    - Wilson Farm Park:
        - Swale cleanups scheduled for Friday 9/25 and Sunday 9/27 to remove cages and maintain grant-funded plantings
        - Saturday 9/26 Tredyffrin Library rain garden maintenance
    - Mazie B. Hall Park:
        - Discussed planting two trees along western fence line to shade sitting area for ball field
    - Bocce Grove Park:
        - Discussed planting three more trees from Chuck Cutshall donation
    - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership:
        - $190,000 grant submitted
        - Dave Manning could use help in graphing storm and infiltration data from Crabby Creek watershed installation
    - Crabby Creek Park:
        - Minor cage weeding, more fencing of natural regeneration- schedule in October
    - Parks Survey / long term planning:
        - 595/599 Park Ridge Drive: proposal received. Ordinance passed to acquire 599 Park Ridge passed
    - Rain Garden at the Strafford Library
        - Weeding of mostly the berm performed last month
- Education, School District and Community Service:
    - Valley Forge Elementary School principal published article on Stormwater Basin naturalization in school newsletter.
    - Valley Forge Middle School trees: sturdy deer protection tree guards from Chesterbrook Blvd trees moved to Valley Forge Rd trees
- Recycling:
    - Glass bin:

        - On agenda to discuss shared bin with Easttown EAC at 9/29 joint meeting
        - PRC will create form for number of recycled pounds which can be used to support DEP 904 performance grants
    - Trex:
        - Volunteers love the 'blue' bags have been using for collection
    - Gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLB):
        - Presenting on effects of GPLB on health and environment for Board of Supervisors in October
        - Enforcement of GPLB in Lower Merion experiencing challenges in enforcement due to lack of support staff but receiving how volume of complaints
    - Plastics ordinance:
        - Skip the slip/stuff update: working to connect with Wayne Business Association
    - Developing connections with Agnes Irwin School and the emerging Parents Association Sustainability Group
- Bird Update (Phil):
    - Bird Town PA partnering with Bird City Network
    - Tredyffrin Bird Town looking for Tredyffrin EAC's input on ways programming having positive impact on habitat health and/or bird protections
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
    - Still need assistance updating email list to tree companies, will compare lists with Township.
- Old/New Business
    - Members planning to attend WeConserve PA '2026 EAC & Municipal Sustainability Conference' on Saturday 10/24
    - EAC t-shirt order form reopened
    - Street Tree planting (resident donation and other sources)
        - Township approved planting at Valley Forge Road fire station, but along the berm, not along the road.
    - Parcel 19: Trees for Watersheds can apply to replant devasted blown down area near turnpike
    - Green HOA: nonprofit started by Emily Bell, will speak with us at October meeting
    - Frank Celluci requested assistance in deed protection for coastal red woods planted at 325 South Valley Forge Rd, Devon 19333
        - Recommended connect with an environmental lawyer to investigate legal protection options for property and connect with Tredyffrin Historical Commission regarding historic home preservation concerns
    - Residents' concerns regarding bamboo and request for bamboo ordinance
        - Richard Stratton 1415 and 1411 Berwyn Paoli Rd regarding bamboo
            - Started encroaching onto property about 20 years ago
            - Try to cut and maintain with weekly mowing

        - 200’ of bamboo running alongside yard
    - Jon Zalepa & Rachel Zicharu(sp) 1411 Berwyn Paoli Rd
        - Bamboo 35’ tall
        - Falling into property and onto roofline
        - Requesting township consider ordinance like Lower Merion township
    - Suggested involving Code Enforcement to mitigate fire hazard
- Radnor EAC Monarch butterfly presentation 10/1
- Stroud Salt Snapshot at Crabby Creek sampling on 10/15-10/18