



**Tredyffrin Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting
March 11, 2026**

Participants:

Park Board Members: Diane van Mol, Kris Robie, Galen Day, Patty Copeland, and Raffi Terzian

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Sharon Humble

Tredyffrin Township Staff: Darin Fitzgerald and Colleen Cappello

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (February 2026)
3. Reports

Police report

No police report was provided. It was noted that there had been no significant incidents reported in the parks.

Public Works reported the following updates:

- Spring preparation work has begun on several fields.
- Restrooms at Wilson Farm Park will reopen this weekend as rental season begins.
- Seasonal facilities, including porta potties, are being returned to parks.
- Pavilions at Teegarden Park were deep cleaned and additional pavilions were scheduled for cleaning.
- Trash cans at Teegarden Park that had been previously identified as rusted were replaced.

A new comfort station will be installed at Mill Road Park using grant funding that had originally been designated for a bike pump track project. The unit is a self-contained restroom with clean water and greywater holding tanks.

Key points discussed:

- The unit is solar powered and ADA accessible.
- It can be drained and moved with equipment if flooding is expected at the park.
- The structure automatically locks if the greywater tank becomes full.
- The estimated cost is approximately \$130,000, which aligns with the available grant funding.

Board members expressed support for the solution as a practical alternative to building a permanent restroom structure.

Parks and Recreation Report

Updates from Parks & Recreation included:

- Summer camp staffing is underway, and counselor offer letters have been issued.
- Background checks and clearances are in process.
- Summer concerts are fully booked.
- Planning for Fourth of July celebrations is underway with several food trucks and dessert vendors already confirmed.
- Spring movie nights are scheduled, including Zootopia 2.
- Planning continues for Community Day, including vendors, golf carts, and inflatable attractions.

New programs planned for 2026 include:

- A bus trip to New York City to see Wicked on April 11 (in partnership with Radnor Recreation).
- A Community Yard Sale Day scheduled for April 25.
- Baby Goat Yoga at the park on June 7 with Rose Bridge Farm providing animals and a yoga instructor.

4. Old Business

Teegarden Park Upgrades / Little League Use

Discussion continued regarding potential upgrades requested by Devon-Strafford Little League (DSL).

- No changes will be implemented for the upcoming season.
- The Board will continue discussions to determine whether improvements could be considered for the following year.
- Concerns were raised about tournament scheduling and impacts on other park users, including dog park visitors, tennis courts, and parking availability.
- Board members emphasized the need for improved coordination of tournament scheduling to avoid conflicts with other park uses.

Friendship Park

The project remains in the permitting phase.

- Township staff are awaiting stormwater and state permit approvals.
- Permitting timelines could take several months depending on agency review.
- The project will likely move forward in phases once permits are approved.
- The goal remains to begin construction this year if approvals are received in time.

5. New Business

Teegarden Park Encampment Proposal

Eric Williams attended on behalf of Rob Williams to discuss a proposed historical reenactment encampment at Teegarden Park.

Key points discussed:

- The event would commemorate the 250th anniversary of British troop activity in the area during the Revolutionary War.
- A small “teaser” encampment is proposed for September 2026 with

approximately 8–15 reenactors camping overnight near the north side of the creek.

- A larger event could occur in 2027 as part of the Township's America 250 celebration.
- Plans may include a reenactment march from the encampment area toward the Paoli Battlefield.

Board members noted that:

- The proposal has not yet received formal Township approval.
- Additional coordination will be required with the Township and nearby residents.
- Questions remain regarding permits, overnight camping policies, security, and expected attendance.

The Board requested additional details before further consideration.

Tree Planting Request – Girl Scout Project

Vivian Peng presented a proposal for a Girl Scout service project to plant a red maple tree at the Tredyffrin Township Library property.

Highlights:

- The project includes planting a heritage tree with a small plaque identifying the species.
- A potential location near a previously removed tree was identified and reviewed with Township staff.
- Vivian has raised approximately \$350 toward the project.
- The tree would be sourced from a heritage tree program connected to Walden Pond.

After discussion, the Board approved the tree planting pending coordination with staff regarding appropriate planting timing and conditions.

8. Adjournment at 7:52 PM

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 11/20/2025 issue of the Daily Local and the 11/27/2025 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meeting 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 on ??/??/2026 and at the main entrance to the Township Building on ??/??/2026. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.