

## **Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township Meeting Agenda: September 17, 2025**

- Call to order
- Approval of August minutes
- Welcome other guests
- Nomination of Linda Nelsen and Winnie Shaw Hope as Associate Members

## Updates

- Engineer's report
- Treasury report: \$2,858.41 final reimbursement check for rain garden grant received by township on September 11, to be credited to EAC.
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Rec (Dale Kline)
  - Parks meeting update
  - Deer update
- Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board
  - Withdrawn 602 Old Eagle School Road subdivision application Anne Murphy reviewed the application under RTK
  - O Zoning ordinance change: to enable Office zoned parcels to be developed as age-restricted townhouses or twin (to enable residential development next to Wayne Glen)
- Parks Stewardship:
  - O Wilson Farm Park:
    - 91 trees to be planted by contractor at Wilson Farm Park. EAC's offer to install deer protection purchased by public works accepted, but may not be until 2026. Commitment from public works to pay for the deer protection even if not provided for in the landscape architect budget.
    - WFP EAC Trees and shrubs: Maintenance session held September 6. Thank you to Linda, Gus, Jennifer, Phil, Samantha, Brendon, Winnie, Dale, Anne, and baby Charlie for pitching in and their two dogs for good behavior.
    - Four EAC Bluebird houses cleaned out by Tim Ross: many thanks!
    - Root collar protection from weed whacking (raised as a concern at the last EAC meeting) being installed by EAC on impacted trees along walking trail: Anne, Phil, Gus
    - Planting plan for township DCNR grant provided to EAC for review
  - o Mazie B. Hall Park
    - Knotweed treated at Mazie and Bocce. No planting or seeding at Mazie until at least 2027.
  - Bocce Grove Park
    - Meadow mix being tried again under the large red maple. Approval for four shade trees to be planted by EAC obtained from public works and Parks and Rec.
  - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership:
    - Water height sensor being installed in the infiltration trench installation on Friendship Drive to see how this 2016 nine-year-old trench is holding up.
    - Salt snapshot: Crabby Creek and throughout Valley Creek: scheduled for Saturday
      October 4 (~10am); Jon Wilson and Dave Manning points of contact for Crabby, others
      coordinated through VFTU (township program).
    - Public works sending one employee to Salt Smart training sponsored by Christina Watershed Partnership.
    - Salt: A Winter Conundrum, Jenkins virtual program, Thursday, December 18, Kate Hutelmyer, Chester County Water Resources Authority, 7pm. EAC and VFTU are cosponsors also with Jenkins.
    - Looking to submit a second grant with the Trustee Council.

- o Crabby Creek Park:
  - Minor weeding of cages of 2024 fall planting needed this fall.
- Parks Survey update/long term planning:
  - Strafford Park Rain Garden and Walkway garden: Invasives slowly being reduced, some new plantings could be installed at Strafford Park walkway garden and rain garden next spring after spring weeding.
  - \$1,500 in funding secured for 2025, another \$1,500 potentially available for 2026, through Chuck Cutshall and Bank of America.

## • Education:

- Aqua Essentials grant: Amber and Anne. Application submitted by library for stormwater basin naturalization education program. Green Hills HOA expressed an interest.
- o Community Day is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>:
  - Tables requested (Jon)
  - Tracy's tips ready (Tracy)
  - Recycling games acquired (Jon)
  - Trash vs. compost board made (Tracy)
  - To do: seed giveaways (Linda and Monty), update any signs
- Recycling & Waste Management:
  - Trex update
  - Gas-powered leaf blowers update TBD
- Rain Garden Program:
  - Weeding of rain garden Amber, Anne, and Jennifer weeded the library rain garden on August 28
- Clean Energy:
- Bird Update (Phil):
  - o Review of library talk about bird strikes
  - o New property recognition program for homeowners focused on birds
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
  - Two permitted projects on Old Eagle School Road did compensatory planting in early September (a few trees died due to insufficient watering)
- School District
  - \$8,000 Donation from Anne Ikeda for Valley Forge Road Trees on VF Middle School property approved at the September 9 Facilities meeting. Final approval scheduled for September 29 School Board meeting.
- Old/New Business
  - o Bamboo ordinance: No report. Gathering existing ordinances.
  - EAC fall conference