

## Environmental Advisory Council of Tredyffrin Township

### Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2025

#### Attendance

EAC Members (4): Amber Levy, Anne Murphy, Tracy Viola, Susanne Hay

Associate Members: Gus Feudale, Kim Tempas, Phil Witmer

Liaisons: KS Bhaskar (Supervisor), Diane Van Mol (P&R), Jill Hammond (Planning), Ernie Falcone (Historical Commission), David Midgley (Engineering)

Guests: Stephen Burkardt, Vanessa Schaefer, Lisa Payne, Winnie Hope-Shaw

Call to order: 7:05pm by Amber Levy

Approval of February minutes

#### Updates

- Engineer's report  
Contention Lane bridge has been repaired and will reopen at end of March.  
Underground infiltration and stormwater storage at Upper Weadley Rd and Gregory Lane are going out to bid this spring. Bair Road should be completed by the end of April, and porous pavement at Strafford Park will be installed this week. Eight trees have been planted at Strafford Park. Ramps and signals will be installed at Valley Forge Rd and this project is estimated to be completed in 2 weeks.
- Treasury report  
Reimbursements still due from DEP for rain garden grant, which will require final grant summary submission
- Historical Commission  
The next neighborhood walk will take place May 17, 1-3 pm in Berwyn at the Bear Estate. Interested participants will meet at 1 pm at the Berwyn train station. Another walk of the Quaker Meeting historical cemetery is planned for June. The Historical Commission is planning to present to the Supervisors this fall a proposal for an ordinance to strengthen the protection of historic properties.
- Parks and Rec  
Friendship Park will be updated with new playground equipment and a dog park. Ideally, trees and shrubs will be planted to camouflage the chain link fence along Route 252.
- Planning Commission  
Conversion/demolition of Corporate Center on Russell Rd/Old Lancaster in Berwyn to convert into 18 twin homes for 55+ community has been approved
- Parks Stewardship:
  - Wilson Farm Park:
    - Presentation of this year's planting plan to April 9 Parks and Rec meeting: Anne and Dale
    - Need to coordinate planting with corporate volunteers, planting is scheduled for April 11
  - Valley Creek Restoration Partnership

- First post construction monitoring report for March 5- infiltration rates for Beechwood and Williams infiltration trenches far exceed field measurements
- Crabby Creek Park
  - Garlic Mustard Pull, Monday, March 31, 10 to 11 AM. Need supervisors for CHS NHS volunteers
  - Annual Macroinvertebrate Study scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 1 – 2:30 pm. Orientation with Girl Scouts and Kate Goddard, Tuesday April 8.
- Parks Survey update/long term planning: no updates

#### Education:

- Aqua – Essentials grant presentation: Tuesday, April 29, 6:30pm at Strafford library; Cory Trego, Gannet Fleming engineer and streambank restoration specialist for SE PA will present on streambank restoration, permitting and stormwater management. Please register
- Status of EAC Webpage improvements: no updates
- Recycling & Waste Management:
  - TREX: Still working on 2nd location for Trex collection bins, perhaps at Rite Aid in Chesterbrook or tunnel near Trader Joes in Gateway
  - Gas-powered leaf blowers: UMLY is working to get ACE to put on their showcase at Earth Day Saturday, April 26, 10-1. Encouraging replacement at the township level as equipment reaches end of life, reached out to Darin at Public Works
  - Skip the Slip: Still at research phase and talking to businesses. All are supportive but need to know how to do it with their POS.
- Rain Garden Program:
  - First library rain garden maintenance this year happened March 23, 12 to 2pm
  - Shrub planting is scheduled for April 11 & 12 at Strafford Park and WFP
  - Still completing final report to DEP to close out the grant (Robert)
- Clean Energy:
  - Annual report for school district: no report
- Woodland Conservation Ordinance Update:
  - Violation reported at Sullivan & Anthony Wayne Dr, as more trees were removed than was permitted; contact Yoli (code enforcement officer) at Township of any excessive tree removal in the township
  - Result of meeting with BOS Ordinance Committee: update permit first before changing the ordinance; ensure documentation is received prior to tree removal; educate residents
- Old/New Business
  - Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: Earth Day Fair at UMLY 10-1, followed by Doug Tallamy presentation at 1:30
  - EAC might collaborate on tree planting at Friendship Park when and if it reaches that stage.
  - Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm