

West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

3/3/2026 February Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Sarah Newman, Linda Reichert, Jim Maguire, Glenn Wenger, and Mike Leader Public: Bryan Maher, Steve Costa and Tom McLewee

- 1) Call to order: 6:01 PM
- 2) Agenda for meeting was approved.
- 3) Minutes from February` 3, 2026 were approved.
- 4) Public Comment: None.
- 5) Committee Rep. Updates:

Glenn- Open Space: Did not attend.

Sarah- Parks and Rec: Discussed connecting Pickering Meadows Trail to Anselma Mill. This would entail a pedestrian crossing over 401, which will need further approval since PennDOT would need to be involved. Kristine Howard has been contacted to help with this issue.

Mike and Glenn- BOS: Feb. 17th- Jim was approved as a new EAC member. March 2- Historic Commission presentation- they are updating the list of historic sites in WPT since it was last updated in 2004. HYS is now on the list.

- 6) New Business
 - a) New Burn Ordinance and Public Meeting Thursday, March 19 7:30 – 8:30 PM- everyone: Tom Costa explained that the new burn ordinance replaced a 20 year old ordinance. It addresses both home owners and landscaper large burn piles. There were 3-4 meetings with the public, Planning Commission and members of BOS to discuss changing the burning ordinance. There were unhappy residents present at the BOS meeting when the updated burn ordinance was passed. A new meeting with WPT EAC has been set for March 19th from 7:30-8:30 PM to hear WPT residents input. The meeting will be in a workshop format. All 3 BOS members will be at the meeting. Limit the residents to two minute comments. Provide a sign in sheet for those who want to comment. Designate a point person/moderator. Will record the meeting. Get an information sheet together including health issues, drought watch, compare our ordinance to surrounding

townships. Glenn will start ideas for the agenda/topics and will pass it around to the EAC members via email. For starters, the agenda will be the following:

Introduction of the topic

Introduce the EAC and its members

Open to public comments. Want an active discussion.

Conclusion

- b) EAC Volunteer events to add to the backside of the card (included will be a QR Code to get more details on the events):
 - Highway Cleanup events- March 21st and November 21st from 9-11 AM. Need to get more supplies (especially bags) from PennDOT. Bryan will transfer information on this to Sarah.
 - “Love Your Park Day” (Earth Day event)– April 26 from 1-4 PM. Coordinate with P n R. EAC will focus on Tree Maintenance in the WPT parks. Will also have a Tree Maintenance Work Day with 4 Season Tree experts November 8th not included on the card.
- c) Finalize WPT Event Mailer:
 - Add Jazz Concert- Bryan will get date and time to Jim
 - EAC Educational Event Topic- How Nuclear Power and how it applies to Data Centers.
- d) WPT EAC Marketing Update- Jim: Found Buffer App to help with coordinating all the social media accounts. Need to come up with a plan for an EAC Newsletter to get out on the social media platforms. P n R has an electronic sign, which is used for Miss Betty’s Camp traffic on 113. It is kept in storage so we can use it for advertising for our events when it is not in use.
- e) BSA Invasive Removal Day, March 28th- Sarah: BSA approached Joe for more volunteer opportunities in WPT. The troop will start at Anselma Mill to help cleanup invasives in the area around the Mill. EAC suggested that if the kids (ages 11-18) could be shuttled to Creek to Creek Trail, they could remove the vines on the trees along the trail. Sarah will find out if this would be an acceptable project for the troop.
- f) Clean Energy Transition Plan- Mike: Joe received two competitive bids. He picked one and it is now budgeted.
- g) Salamander Crossing Event Idea- Linda: It was decided that we build on this for next year. Will consult Donna Delaney about how they organized frog crossings.

- h) NCC_EAC Meeting March 7 at Welkinweir (Nantmeal) from 9 am to noon. Recycling company will have a presentation. Rachel Griffith will present on sustainability and a yard/field mowing schedule. Carol Armstrong and Sarah will present on road salt in our waterways. It will be an open discussion.
 - i) WP Newsletter Topic and Update- Everyone: WPT is now thinking about staying with a once a month WPT Newsletter and not quarterly. For the April issue, Glenn is going to write an article on Lights Out for the Birds.
- 7) Old Business
- a) Zoning Ordinance Meeting- Mike. Did not check on how that is progressing. Hopefully the retention pond is being installed
 - b) Salt Sampling- Sarah: Happening this week- data will be presented to WPT BOS and Delco Sustainability Council.
- 8) Announcements: Linda- Lunch, Wine and Climate Trivia March 14th at Stargazers Vineyard in Coatesville. Next EAC meeting is April 7th at 6:00 PM
- 9) Adjourn- 7:35 PM

Action Items:

- 1) **Glenn-** Will start writing the agenda for Burn Ordinance Workshop and email it out to the group.
- 2) **Bryan-** Transfer information on PennDOT and trash pickup.
- 3) **Bryan-** Get Jazz Night date and time to Jim for the postcard.
- 4) **Sarah-** Let Joe know about the Creek to Creek Trail vine removal project for the BSA.
- 5) **Linda-** Ask Donna Delaney about the frog crossing program.
- 6) **Glenn-** Write article for the WPT newsletter on Lights out for the Birds.