



# West Pikeland Township

EAC

## Meeting Minutes

12/2/25

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Bryan Maher, Sarah Newman, Glenn Wenger, John Mathews, and Mike Leader Public: Jim Maguire

- 1) Call to order: 7:37 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved after addition of Sarah's report on We Conserve PA Conference
- 3) Minutes from Nov. 11, 2025 will be approved after preliminary review from the Council
- 4) Public Comment:

Linda- She contacted HYS about the sycamore trees that will be removed from their property. Tim Compton said that 5 of the trees will be removed per insurance orders. They are trying to save as many as they can, but due to the damage done to the library by one of them, the unhealthy trees will be cut down. HYS has hired a new grounds keeper who is an arborist. Bryan suggested that we get HYS/Tim involved with our Council. Bryan also suggested that he is officially on the WPT BOS he would like to partner with HYS (e.g. The Fall Festival) in more activities. Mike would like the WPT EAC listed as one of the sponsors for the Fall Festival to recognize our involvement in the event.

Sarah- She Suggested that someone should attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Owners at 1736 Valley Ln have applied for a variance to remove 95% of the woodland and fence row from their property; however, the zoning allows for only up to 35% removal. Since the property is within the Pickering Creek runoff, this could potentially affect the flooding/water runoff. What will the habitat loss be, how will it affect the water quality and what is the quality of the woods on the property? Will they replace the invasives with native trees/plants/shrubs? If they are close enough to the creek to affect the riparian zone, how will the removal affect the quality of that area (25 ft from the creek is the most critical area to protect and up to 75 ft needs to be conserved). We would like to be more involved with the Zoning.

- 5) Committee Rep. update

**Sarah- Parks and Rec:** Meeting is postponed until next Thursday.

**Bryan- BOS:** Nothing to report

**Glenn- Open Space:** Sean O'Neill resigning- been a member for decades. There will be two open seats come next year. It would be nice to have a lawyer to replace one of the seats.

6) New Business

- a) Pine Creek Tree Workday- Sarah: This Friday, Dec 5, the EAC will collaborate with 4 Seasons Tree Service to help maintain the tree plantings at Pine Creek Park. They will stand up leaning trees, clean up any damage done by the lawn crew and weather permitting, move mulch chips to wherever needed around the trees. Glenn, Jim and Sarah will be representing the EAC.
- b) Walnut Lane Park Native Plant Sign- Everyone: This will be an overwinter project for the Council. We need to meet with Megan (she helped with the sign at Pine Creek Park) and a graphic designer. Would like on the sign information on the water basin habitat in front of the park. Why it is there and list all the native plants and the benefit of the area. Maybe have a scavenger hunt to find the native species to encourage people to walk the path through the basin. Have the project ready to present to the BOS in the Spring. Perhaps we can partner with the library on this project since they are planning on book stations around the park. We will use the same company that we used for Pine Creek Park's sign (Linda has the contact).
- c) Marketing Plan- Jim: He started planning with Melissa (social media Consultant at WPT). In order to disseminate information to WPT residents, we need to go thru Melissa. She will use the following social media: Facebook, Chesco, monthly WPT newsletter and we need to get WPT on Nextdoor. Melissa is paid hourly so please be judicious using her time. Jim is planning on contacting Joe, Tim Compton (HYS), Nancy at the library and Jen who is the new WPT secretary. Jim will also see if we can have separate e-mails sent out just for our activities/events (use the same WPT newsletter email list). It was also suggested that we should coordinate events with the WPT Land Trust Committee.
- d) EAC Conference Recap- Sarah: Her take away on how we can be more pro-active in our community: 1) We need to be more present in this organization- they have great ideas. 2) We need to be more involved in zoning/new builds in the township. 3) We need to provide an Annual Report to the township along with climate reports. 4)

Ordinances- Review and make any changes related to environmental issues- revisit the Regional Plan. 5) It would be beneficial if the BOS would give the EAC tasks. For example, Brian, as a BOS, will ask us to look into these ordinances. 6) They provided a worksheet as a template to come up with a way to audit ourselves and how we are doing. Sarah will see how to get this to the Council. It was a handout and hopefully they have it online. 7) There is a group, We Conserve PA, working on a Naturalized Landscape Ordinance to get rid of lawns. 8) Other suggestions: Combine other recycling with the shredding event, Darksky International for one week, Pumpkin collection to feed local farm animals, Certified and conserve reward for residents who want to participate in a competition- can receive Bronze, Silver and Gold, tree rewards or tax incentives.

- e) We voted and approved to accept John Matthew's resignation.
- f) We voted and approved to accept Bryan Maher's resignation.
- 7) Old Business - none
- 8) Announcements-Next meeting will be Jan. 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM. Janet will submit for a Newsletter article in January on Hornet nests. Bryan will send out to all of us his template of the agenda he uses. Mike will attend the BOS meetings as a representative of the EAC,
- 9) Adjourn: 8:55 PM

#### **Action Items:**

- 1) **Jim, Janet and Mike-** Attend the WPT Zoning Meeting on Dec. 3 at 7:00
- 2) **Jim-** Contact Joe, Tim and Jen.
- 3) **Jim-** Ask Melissa about emailing out WPT EAC information.
- 4) **Sarah-** Find an electronic version of the audit worksheet from the EAC Conference.
- 5) **Bryan-** Email his template of the EAC agenda to the EAC group.