

West Pikeland Township

Environmental Advisory Council

6/2/2026 February Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Sarah Newman, Linda Reichert, and Mike Leader
Public: Bryan Maher, Joan Blatcher and Robert Diritia (West Pikeland resident specializes in Energy/Sustainability/Carbon Capture)

1. Call to order: 6:02 PM
2. Agenda for meeting was approved. Will add Volunteer follow up and engagement in Old Business
3. Minutes from May 5, 2026 were approved.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Committee Rep. Updates:
 - 1) Glenn- Open Space: A project is under consideration, but cannot discuss it.
 - 2) Sarah- Parks and Rec: Discussed dog waste problem at Walnut Ln. Park. Nancy the Librarian came up with a strategy to help with this problem. A resident of West Pikeland needs to give information to Joan so she can take action. Is Nancy a resident of WPT? Linda will find out. WPT Public Works need to plan for this problem. Need to inform the residents of the environmental impact of the dog waste. The committee is going on vacation and will be back in September to plan for the Fall Festival. Joan requested that the "Keep Off" signs at Etta's Garden be replaced with nicer signs. They are abrasive. The plants are emerging from the seeds that were scattered last month. Spike removed the honeysuckle for more sunshine on the garden.
 - 3) Mike and Glenn- BOS: Last night's BOS meeting focused on Police Department relocation. There are several options and Joan discussed the options with the council. To summarize: 1- The Police Dept will stay in the current location- they will be moved temporarily into trailers and rebuild. 2- Build a new building at Walnut Park to accommodate both the Police Department and possibly the WPT Administration. 3- Purchase and renovate The Warehouse on 113. Joan and the BOS would like to involve the WPT Committees to help with this project. Burn Ordinance changes have not been addressed yet.
6. New Business
 - 1) Primary Election Day Recap Action Items-Everyone: Linda signed up a lot of interest in EAC. Jim will add the names and contact info to his data base. Linda will write up a welcome letter to send out to the new interested people. Include in the letter a link to sign up for the WPT Newsletter.
 - 2) Budget Review- All
 - a. Skipped
 - b. Skipped

- c. Invasive removal/replanting – Sarah: “Keep PA Beautiful” Grant thru Giant and Martin’s- Will provide up to \$4000.00. Start the project in the Spring and finish in the Fall. Want township engagement to help with the money. If we want to do this for 2027, we could match with EAC 2027 budget possibly. A possible project would be to replant the track hillside at Pine Creek Park- to help beautify it with native plants/trees/shrubs. The Grant would also like community involvement such as woodchip donation along with EAC/BOS/Scouts participation. Get Nancy involved with the plantings. Sarah and Linda will explore an Eagle Scout Project. For project ideas, visit the Grant website to see what kind of projects they have funded in the past. Acknowledge signage will be needed.
- d. Pollinator Garden Project- Glenn: Will cover at next meeting.
- e. Skipped
- f. Skipped
- 3) Data Center and Solar Ordinances Review- Bryan: Need a Solar and Wind Ordinance- Joan will look into the Phoenixville Regional Plan to see if it addresses any of these issue and combatting data centers.
- 4) September Sustainable Saturday Event on Data Centers- Bryan- A concrete plan is needed for this topic. The EAC wants to educate the residents on data centers and not make the meeting all about combatting the centers. It was decided that we need a guest speaker to present this topic. Sarah will see if there is a stipend for this. Robert will find someone to present a structured/professional presentation and forward the name to Bryan so he can see if they would be a good fit. It would be nice if WPT could be a leader in this area.
- 5) WPT Newsletter Topic: American Beech Tree Leaf Disease
- 7. Old Business
 - 1) Sustainable Saturday PECO Recap, Volunteer follow up and resident engagement-Mike: Very little attendance at the last presentation- 2 people outside the EAC members. It was brought up that the BOS meetings are advertised on Ready Chesco and wondering why the EAC Sustainable Saturday meetings can’t be advertised there also? It was also brought up why can’t the Township come with a new way to welcome new residents to WPT like the small town touch of a “Welcome Wagon” vibe? Maybe the place to start is reaching out to the local HOAs?
- 8. Announcements: July 7 at 6:00 PM is the next meeting.
- 9. Adjourn- 7:24 PM

Action Items:

- 1) **Linda**- Check to see if Nancy from the library is a WPT resident.
- 2) **Jim**- Add Primary Day sign ups to the master list.
- 3) **Linda**- Write up a welcome letter to email out to the new sign ups and provide to Jim.
- 4) **Jim**- Add a link in the Welcome Letter to the sign up for the WPT Newsletter
- 5) **Sarah and Linda**- Look into an Eagle Scout Project for the Keep PA Beautiful Grant.
- 6) **Joan**- Refer to the Phoenixville Regional Project and how to incorporate issues with Data Centers.

7) **Bryan**- Get in touch with Robert for a Data Center guest speaker.