

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

9/9/2025 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Linda Reichert, Bryan Maher, Glenn Wenger, John Mathews and Mike Leader Public: Jim McGuire and Carin Mifsud

- 1) Call to order: 7:36 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved.
- 3) Minutes from August 5, 2025 were approved.
- 4) Public Comment:

John- Anselma Mill- It's not doing well. It's a rare artifact to have in WPT and we need to preserve it. It needs to attract young volunteers to carry on the tradition. It is stable but it works on a lean budget, volunteers and the Mill Market. Market is not profitable right now because of breakdowns and there are a lot of breakdowns.

Council- Mowing at Pine Creek Park- Jim asked the mowing crew to take care while mowing around the plantings (especially the caged plants). There's a lot of damage to the cages, which requires a lot of upkeep. Carin mentioned that there are not a lot of bids for the park mowing and most have the large commercial mowers- makes it difficult to not hit the cages. Janet suggested that instead of all the mowing around the plants, turn the area into a meadow (establish native plants) with a path through the trees. We will need to coordinate with Parks and REC for this project.

John- There is still a lot of parking in the HYS meadow across from Life's Patina patrons. Bryan said that Tim from HYS consulted with a planner. Bryan will follow up with Tim on this issue. Since the library damage and tree damage, the meadow parking/planning is not high on the budget list right now.

- 5) Committee Rep. updates:

Bryan- BOS: Discussed the WPT Burning/Fire Ordinance. Everyone should read it on the WPT Website. They are looking for public comment.

Glenn- Open Space Committee: the committee is going to perform a feasible easement study (cost is \$7000) on a potential property, which could potentially provide trail connections to Walnut Lane Park.

- 6) New Business

- a) Survey Document Review for Event Tables- Linda: Include at the table a QR code to complete the survey and send it in if they do not have time to fill it out at the event. Goals are to expand the email list, new ideas to cover, new people involved, etc. It was suggested that Sustainability is too broad and stick to more specific topics. Glenn suggested that educational programs such as pesticide/herbicide spray use would be

beneficial. Everyone- email to Linda topics that they would like to see on the list for the survey. Maybe the format on the survey would be 15 topics and check what the resident would be interested in.

- b) Pine Creek Park Maintenance Status- Sarah (in absentia via attached email): Summary- Bryan, Sarah, Jim and Linda did maintenance work on the hill plantings on 8/24/25. Took off guards around the shrubs and straightened fences. All the plantings are doing great with a 90% success rate. To keep the plantings going in the future will still need upkeep. Glenn reported that Spike already treated the invasives with herbicide.
 - c) Fall Festival Table Schedule and possible Sapling Distribution- Bryan: Bryan will be helping out HYS all day. Bryan and Jim are Planning on being at the event at 11:15 am helping with parking and vendor set up. There will be two shifts : noon to 2 with Jim and John manning the table and 2 to 4 with Linda and **need one more volunteer** (Janet will have to bow out since she will be out of town). Glenn will order White Oak Saplings and have printouts on the importance of White Oak Trees. Janet will provide a tent. Linda and Janet will have packets of native seeds to pass out. Bryan will send out to council a Google dox on names he has collected from meetings of WPT residents who want to help out with EAC.
 - d) 2026 Walnut Lane Park Projects- Bryan: Would like to come up with ideas to make the front drainage area more presentable. A walk through is scheduled on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 10:00 AM to scope out the area.
- 7) Old Business- none.
- 8) Announcements.

September 27th- Anselma Mill is hosting a Ciderfest from 10 am to 4 pm.

Next meeting will be Nov. 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Glenn- It would be appreciated to have help from the township to come up with a marketing plan. Jim will help facilitate this. Right now the compilation of an email list and blast to WPT residents is not under anyone's job assignment. Madison is no longer the secretary and in the process of hiring for this position. We will have to formally request at a BOS meeting to budget this for this new assignment.

Next WPT newsletter in October. Glenn will submit a letter to add to the newsletter "Leave the Leaves by the end of September.

- 9) Adjourn: 8:40 PM

Action Items:

- 1) **Bryan**-Follow up with Tim at HYS about the meadow parking from Life's Patina patrons.
- 2) **Everyone**- Read the WPT burning and fire ordinance and give feedback to the BOS.
- 3) **Everyone**- Send topics to include on the survey to Linda.
- 4) **Glenn**- Order White Oak Saplings and print out handouts on White Oaks.
- 5) **Janet and Linda**- Prepare seeds for the event tables.

- 6) **Bryan**- email to committee a compiled GOOGLE Dox list on WPT residents who would like to help out with EAC.