

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council
8/4/2026 July Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Sarah Newman, Janet Parry, Linda Reichert, Glenn Wenger, Jim Maguire and Mike Leaderr (via phone)

1. Call to order: 6:04 PM
2. Agenda for meeting was approved.
3. Minutes from July 7, 2026 were approved. Removed the Bat article for the WPT Newsletter
4. Public Comment:

Mike- An upcoming Webinar on Municipal Solar. Want the BOS aware of this- if the WPT wants to get solar panels for the new building, all Solar subsidies will disappear at the end of 2027.

Sarah- Audubon Society is jointly hosting a Webinar with We Conserve PA. Glenn will forward the info to the Council. She would like to push for more bird habitat involvement in WPT. Janet brought up the possibility of putting up Purple Martin Condos in the WPT parks. Linda will contact a farmer in Kimberton to see if he is planning on getting rid of his Martin Condos and we might be able to recover them to use. Also, Sarah has several new bluebird houses that she would like to donate and placed in WPT parks.

5. Committee Rep. Updates:
 - 1) Glenn- Open Space: They met with WPT Land Trust Council to talk about money and purchasing WPT land. They have been approved to buy one of the properties with or without a grant. Would prefer to have a grant, but they have to reapply for the grant and are afraid it will take too long.
 - 2) Sarah- Parks and Rec: No meeting.
 - 3) Mike and Glenn- BOS: They have signed Bill of Sale Agreement for the Tom Oates property on 113. Now in the due diligence phase.

6. New Business

- 1) Data Center Event Update- Group (Bryan not at meeting): The event is on Sept. 24 at 7:00 pm. Sarah will contact Bryan to see where he is with finalizing this event. In the meantime, the following will be investigated:
 - a) Sarah will look into Penn Future, which focuses on food and water.
 - b) Jim will reach out to Senator Muth for a potential speaker.
 - c) Sarah will contact East Whiteland Sustainability Committee for ideas.
 - d) Mike will contact Exelon since we have nuclear energy in the title of the event.
 - e) Bryan is working on a township ordinance and nuclear energy.
 - f) September WPT Newsletter our article will be on Data Centers.

- g) If we cannot finalize the plans on the event at the next meeting on Sept. 1, we will have to cancel the event.
- 2) Charlestown Brightside Community Garden- Janet and Linda: Sarah was a member a few years ago. She loved it but has the following things for us to think about in the planning.
 - a) It is an administrative process. Will need a separate group to take on the administrative duties after we get it started.
 - b) Fencing is an issue- need to keep out deer, rabbits and groundhogs. The fees paid for the fence expansion.
 - c) Water availability needs to be considered.
 - d) Rules need to be established and have someone administer them.
 - e) Loved the fellowship- berries were planted for everyone to share. Weekly soirees were planned.
 - f) They had common tools available.
 - 3) EAC Webpage Review- everyone: The following was suggested:
 - a) Linda- suggested “popups” to announce any events that are coming up in the near future.
 - b) Glenn- looked at other local EAC websites and found the following that we might incorporate into WPT EAC website- four ideas: 1) Headings on programs and pdf or videos on the programs 2) Current projects they are working on 3) Links to resources 4) EAC Newsletter with attachments with more info on subjects.
 - c) Jim- Get together with Jenn for her help with web design on EAC site. Ask Jenn to post our upcoming events first on the general website such as tree maintenance or highway cleanup events. Also request Jenn to push our events on social media.
 - d) Mike- will email group with his ideas.
 - e) Sarah- Need to update pictures. Clean up the energy transition plan- goes to incomplete document (Move plans from bottom of this section to this place). Include resources for climate action plan, what residents can do with yard waste, etc. Home gardening link there is an error message. Add to the EAC Trifold Visit WPT Facebook page and highlight our presence.
 - 4) WeConserve PA Salt Reduction- Glenn: Watched a webinar on salt “PA Roadside Action” the road surfaces. They save a lot of money. Sarah said that there is a new program “Finding Salt Piles” thru Stroud Water Research Center. Municipalities and private companies have piles of stored road salt that leak into the local water systems. They are looking for volunteers to observe the piles they see in their communities. WPT is a member of the Christina Watershed Municipal Partnership (CWMP) and they provide trainings for members on road salt use. Sarah will remind Joan about the trainings.
 - 5) Yard Waste Composting- skip
 - 6) Skip to next meeting
 - 7) Palmers Pond Issue- Sarah: A WPT resident emailed the township on her issues with the pond. The water level is very low and it smells. The pond is located near the back entrance of Pine Creek Park and it is on the park land. The pond is manmade and there is no water source so it is stagnant. Fish and Wildlife may need to be involved to give the township advice on how to

mitigate the problem. Sarah will ask the BOS to find out if they responded to the resident and if she can reach out to her.

- 8) WPT Newsletter Topic- Jim will write an article on Data Centers. If we are not going to have the Data Center Presentation, Glenn will submit an article on Bats.

7. Old Business-

- 1) Volunteer letter- Linda: The letter is ready to launch. Jim will send it out to the volunteers on the list. He will include a picture of a roadside cleanup event and the township logo.
- 2) Burn Ordinance Modifications- Bringing it up again to keep it on WPT radar.
- 3) Mowing at Pine Creek Park left front field- Glenn: At the Open Space meeting, Mike Minnick asked Glenn if we could use \$6000.00 that they have left on a grant to go towards a flower meadow on that field. Start with a 20 ft strip. A lot of prep is needed and it will last over a two year period to get it started and show results. Glenn will talk with Mike Minnick and plan this at the next Open Space Meeting.
8. Announcements: Lost a locust tree in the plantings at Pine Creek Park. Also at Pine Creek Park, need to clean up the invasives in the area that was cleared out around the track last year. Need to apply for a grant thru Keep PA Beautiful to get money to replant this area. Next meeting is Sept 1 at 6:00 PM.
9. Adjourn- 7:42 PM

Action Items:

- 1) **Glenn-** Forward info on the Audubon/We Conserve PA EAC webinar.
- 2) **Linda-** Contact farmer about the Martin condos.
- 3) **Sarah-** Contact Bryan to see where he is at with the Data Center presentation.
- 4) **Jim-** Reach out to Senator Muth about a speaker on Data Centers.
- 5) **Sarah-** Will contact EAST Whiteland Sustainability Committee for info on datacenters..
- 6) **Mike-** Check with Exelon for info on nuclear power
- 7) **Jim-** Talk to Jenn about web design on EAC page and see if she can post EAC upcoming events as a popup on the main page.
- 8) **Mike-** Email group about his ideas on the EAC webpage..
- 9) **Sarah-** Will bring up with Joan the training session thru CWMP on road salt management.
- 10) **Sarah-** Will ask BOS if she can respond to the person who emailed about Palmers Pond.
- 11) **Glenn-** Discuss with Mike Minnick about the grant money use on the meadow at Pine Creek Park.
- 12) **Jim-** WPT Newsletter article topic- Data Centers. If we have to cancel the Data Center event, Glenn will submit an article on bats.