

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council
9/30/2025 October Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to order: 7:35 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved.
- 3) Minutes from Sept. 9, 2025 were approved.
- 4) Public Comment:

Mike-Went to Harrisburg to lobby Democrats for PENN Future Energy Conservation of Voter in PA. Topics that they covered were 1) ACT 29 Renewel 2) 40% Warehouses 3) Stormwater management 4) 30% Renewables by 2025- Mike focused on this topic..

- 5) Committee Rep. updates:

Sarah- Parks and Rec: She will attend the next PnR meeting. She will talk about our walk at Walnut Lane Park and our recommendations/observations in the front drainage area. She will also bring up the possible placement of Bluebird Houses at the park.

- 6) New Business

- a) Survey Document Review for Event Tables- Linda (not at meeting so deferred to Bryan): Have decided format will be a full page so font will be bigger and more topics can be added. A few suggestions were made: Water issues such as wells/septic, storm water runoff and salt pollution. Bryan will add a QR Code for people to fill out online if they cannot fill out survey at the table.
- b) Fall Festival Table Schedule and possible Sapling Distribution- Bryan: Glenn mentioned the White Oak Saplings will arrive Oct. 8th. Jim and Bryan will be at the event all day. Sarah will be at the table from noon to 2:00 and Linda will be at the table 2:00-4:00 pm. Will need to plan via email who will be at the Election Table. .
- c) 2026 Walnut Lane Park Project Plans and Visit Recap- Bryan: Would like to install an informational sign to explain the front drainage ditch area. It was suggested that about \$1200 leftover money from our 2025 budget will go towards the making and installation of this sign. We need to find out what the township's goals are with the drainage area and what we can do to improve the area. We have money in our 2025 budget (@\$2000) that could be used to purchase trees/shrubs for this area. Sarah will reach out to Megan Hopkins-Doerr at Penn State extension about the content and plants for the sign. We would recommend that the following invasives

are removed and the order of importance: 1st remove the Bradford Pear Trees- Dig out. Second remove the Phragmites- herbicide treatment. Third remove the mugworts- herbicide treatment.

d) EAC Marketing- Jim: Will postpone since Jim is not present.

e) Second Tree Maintenance Day- Sarah: Sarah will coordinate with Dave at 4 Seasons Tree Care for a corporate sponsored volunteer day. She is planning on having them move the piles of woodchips around the tree/shrub plantings and straighten up the tree tubes and cages. Will suggest to Dave Dec 5th from 9:00 am to noon.

f) Salt Sampling Event- Sarah: Stroud Water Watchers has a water sampling event on Oct. 10th. They are asking volunteers to collect water from tributaries that run into Pickering and Pine Creeks, which eventually run into the Schuylkill river. They are looking at salt concentrations from road salt in local ground water. There was also a Red Clay Creek and Brandywine Creek cleanups. Since the ban on plastic bags/plastic straws/Styrofoam, the amount of these items in the creeks have dramatically decreased. It was suggested that we contact our State Rep (Kristine Howard) and State Senator (Katie Muth) about instituting a 5 cent returns on cans and glass bottles.

g) Roadside Cleanup Schedule- Bryan: Sat., Nov., 8th from 10:00 am to noon.

h) WPT Newsletter- Glenn will submit for the next newsletter "Leave the Leaves"

7) Old Business - none

8) Announcements-Next meeting will be Nov. 11, 2025 at 7:30 PM

9) Adjourn: 8:39 PM

Action Items:

1) **Sarah-** Contact Megan Hopkins-Doerr at Penn State about the Walnut Ln Park signage at the front ditch.

2) **Sarah-** - Contact Dave at 4 Seasons about the Dec 5th volunteer day at Pine Creek Park.