

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council
7/7/2026 July Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Linda Reichert, Glenn Wenger, Jim Maguire and Nancy Bartley (via phone): Public: Bryan Maher (BOS Rep)

1. Call to order: 6:04 PM
2. Agenda for meeting was approved. Will add Glenn- misc. topics and Janet- community garden at Walnut Lane Park to New Business
3. Minutes from June 2, 2026 were approved.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Committee Rep. Updates:
 - 1) Glenn- Open Space: One property was approved with help from Grant money. Another property is under consideration but cannot discuss it.
 - 2) Sarah- Parks and Rec: No meeting.
 - 3) Mike and Glenn- BOS: Bryan discussed the offer to purchase the Tom Oates property on 113. Bryan would like the EAC to chime in when environmental issues come up. He is also recommending that solar energy will be the main source of electricity for the building.
6. New Business
 - 1) Misc. Topics-Glenn:
 - a. Annual EAC Conference thru We Conserve PA- next meeting is Oct. 24.
 - b. Meadows at Pine Creek Park entrance- Why is the left side meadow of the driveway entrance mowed and on the right side there is a beautiful meadow? Glenn will find out if the left side can be converted into a meadow also. It does not appear to be hayed.
 - c. Burn Ordinance- Bryan- The ordinance needs to be updated but have not had time to address this. Need Joan to act and check with the lawyer.
 - d. Road Salt use Webinar- Glenn watched a webinar via We Conserve PA on Road Salt use in PA. In a Township outside of Pittsburgh there are sensors on the roadways to tell whether or not to brine or salt the roads. There is equipment to help with calibrating the trucks and save money. Bryan would like Sarah to put together a presentation for the BOS to discuss the problem of salt on the roadways. The biggest expense is salt on the highways and the second expense is salt storage- if the salt is improperly stored (exposure to the weather /run off) a lot of salt is wasted.
 - e. Flora Cardoni- Is a resource on Data Centers and Penn Environment. She reviews ordinances for zoning and Data Centers. Glenn will email Flora's information to the group.
 - 2) Data Center Event- Bryan: He talked with Robert (WPT resident who is involved with data centers and zoning) and he will find a presenter who will address environmental impacts of

data centers. The event is on September 24th so will need to solidify the specifics at the next EAC meeting.

- 3) Community Garden at Walnut Lane Park- Janet: Hiked at Brightside Farm Park in Charlestown Township and saw their Community Garden Set-up. Would like to get a similar program at Walnut Lane Park started for WPT residents. Janet will contact Donna Barrickman who is associated with the Brightside Farm Garden to set up a tour of their garden and advice on how to get a WPT Garden started. Great way for community engagement. Will most likely need to apply for a grant to help offset the costs. Bryan is going to look into the 5 acres at Walnut Lane Park that is set aside for municipality use. Will have to look into water access at the garden site.
- 4) WPT EAC 2027 Budget was approved.
- 5) Volunteer FollowUp/Engagement- Linda and Jim: Mike has the rest of the original forms with resident volunteer that were collected at the Primary Table. Linda will write up a general welcome letter to all the volunteers that have signed up (about 75-100 residents have expressed interest in volunteering). She will first send it out the Council for approval. Here's the list of importance to the volunteers and what they would like to participate in:
 - a. Park Enhancements and Sustainable Saturdays
 - b. Clean Energy in Township
 - c. Roadside Cleanup
 - d. EAC Membership- It was recommended that Sarah contact the interested residents via an email. Cc them about the meeting and include the agenda.
- 6) Update on Meta's Garden at Pine Creek Park- Glenn: Glenn shared pictures of before and after pics of the garden. Great progress has been made! The native seed mix he planted is growing nicely.
- 7) WPT Newsletter Topic- Two articles will be submitted: Jim- Mosquito control without chemicals. Glenn- Fireflies

7. Old Business- None

8. Announcements: August 4 at 6:00 PM is the next meeting.

9. Adjourn- 7:08 PM

Action Items:

- 1) **Glenn**- Check with township to see if the field by the entrance of Pine Creek Park can be turned into a meadow.
- 2) **Glenn**- Email Information on Flora Cardoni.
- 3) **Janet**- Contact Donna with Brightside Park Community Garden to set up tour and info gathering.
- 4) **Bryan**- Gather information on the 5 acres at Walnut Lane Park that is for municipal use. Potential spot for a community garden
- 5) **Mike**- Get the original volunteer signup sheets from the Primary Table to Jim and Linda.
- 6) **Sarah**- Contact directly the volunteers who are interested in becoming members of WPT EAC.

- 7) **Linda**- Write up a welcome letter for the new volunteers. Send to EAC first for approval.
- 8) **Jim**- Submit article for WPT Newsletter on controlling mosquitos without chemicals.
- 9) **Glenn**- Submit article for WPT Newsletter on Fireflies.
- 10) **Bryan**- Keep EAC in the loop via cc when corresponding with Robert and Data Center presenter.