

West Pikeland Township
Environmental Advisory Council

6/3/2025 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Council Members- Present: Janet Parry, Linda Reichert, Bryan Maher, Mike Leader, and Sarah Newman Public: Jim McGuire and Carin Mifsud

- 1) Call to order: 7:33 PM
- 2) Agenda was approved.
- 3) Minutes from May 6, 2025 were approved.
- 4) Public Comment:

Linda Reichert- Suggested it is time for another survey of WPT residents. We need fresh insights and new ideas from our residents. Also, what they want from us. We will wait for November election and have a table there. It was also suggested that we have a survey ready for the HYS Open House in October. At the tables we should have a white board for suggestions for 2026 Sustainable Saturday ideas. PROST had an 18% response to its survey. We can look at that for ideas too. There are QR codes at the WPT parks and building entrances. Bryan will check with Madison to find out the number of hits with the QR codes. For the next WPT newsletter we will submit a recap of what we have done WPT.

Sarah- Next PROST meeting is Wednesday, May 21st 6-8 PM

- 5) Committee Rep. updates:

Bryan- BOS: Next meeting on June 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at 6:00 pm at Bel Hall, located on the Montgomery School Campus. First 30 minutes will cover township business. The WPT Police Department will be the focus of the rest of the meeting. Police chief of PA is meeting with the WPT officers.

- 6) New Business

- a) Sustainable Saturday bird walk recap: 7 people participated. Maybe low attendance was due to it was too early in the morning and it was Memorial Day Weekend.
- b) Sustainable Saturday Vegetable Garden: On June 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Glenn's house. Will meet at the Library first to follow over to his house. Bryan thinks it will be well attended. .
- c) Pine Creek tree planting observations: A few of the trees/shrubs need attention, but overall the plantings are doing great. The plastic tubes are falling over because the tops of the trees become top heavy. Not sure if tubes are the best for root and trunk stability. Would it be better to leave the tubes on for deer protection and support with posts? Sarah will contact Stroud Water Research for advice on how best to protect the plantings (i.e. tubes or cages). There is also an issue with the mowing around the plantings. The mowers accidentally knock over and/or snag the cages. If you are the park and notice

any of the trees need attention, call her at 610-999-1001 and she will take care of the planting. Bryan will ask Joe to talk with the WPT Public Works and have them help with fixing up any plants that need help. In the next Newsletter Tip ask for help from the residents for help with the plantings. The wood chips are keeping the weeds along the hedge row are keeping the weeds under control.

- d) Highway cleanup new date- Bryan: Last one was rained out. Decided to wait for cooler weather (ticks, overgrown weeds and poison ivy make it difficult to find the trash). Sarah would like to see more community involvement with cleaning up our township. Maybe promote neighborhood cleanups, LYA/athlete groups to clean up parks. Keep thinking about this for future meetings.

7) Old Business.

- a) Junior member ordinance update- Sarah: Met with Joe to see if we could somehow incorporate this into our Council. It was decided via the solicitor that it was too risky to have minors formally involved and have them part of our ordinance. Make it more informal- sign up if interested and have parent sign off to participate in a project. Sarah will find out what words we should stay away from when writing up projects for all participants. Senior projects at STEM and Downingtown East would be a good way to involve minors. Mrs. Sherlock at STEM runs the CAS program at STEM. They would have to present to BOS for project approval. EAC would sponsor the participant.

8) Announcements.

Next meeting will be June 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM

9) Adjourn: 8:35 PM

Action Items:

- 1) Sarah- Ask Joe what words that should be avoided when writing up projects that could involve minors.