

Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
April 23, 2025



The meeting started at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

Members in attendance are indicated below in **Bold**.

Visitors:

Russ Hartman

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports

Building and Subdivision Review

Lauren Lareau:

Patrick discussed the offer to the EAC by the township supervisors:

JM Pereira & Sons (concrete contractors) are not able to replace the 400 trees on the property being expanded. In turn, a monetary sum (a fee in lieu of) will be paid to the Twp. in a separate account. This account will provide monies for trees to be planted elsewhere in the Twp and the EAC will provide suggested locations. The EAC voted 7-0 in favor of the fee in lieu of proposal on the Pereira development. Shady Brook was also discussed. (see attached).

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

The Garden clean-up was held on March 29 9:30-11:30. It went well. Additional topsoil was provided. Raised bed boxes are completed for summer planting. Composting project is still in its infancy.

Tree Planting

John Lopuszanski:

20 trees planted: Alberts Way and Juniper Hill. Next planting will be in Nov. See the video prepared by Nicole on P&R Fb page. Many thanks to DPW for their major assistance.

Plants and trees will be distributed on Earth Day. QR codes will be provided for information on the plants. Gerry suggested planting shade trees in Cobalt Ridge around benches.

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Beautification Committee:

Joe Leming:

Fall clean-up schedule for Sept 20, 2025 from 9-11 AM. Kopera will arrange for Police escort for safety. Lions Park, Green belt by Forsythia, Juniper cleanup yielded 1,700 lbs of trash. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

CAP

Kevin Deeny:

Comments have been received regarding the draft Energy Audit ordinance which will be incorporated into a revised draft for review and approval. EAC approved the vote 7-0. Next efforts to include education material prep. CAP mtg scheduled for 5/14/25.

Road salt use and optimization were also discussed with the intent to find ways to optimize the township's use.

Township Information

Paul Kopera/Patrick Graham:

The Township is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Open Space, Greenways & Trails Plan. A public meeting was held in January, March and upcoming on May 15. Gerry represents the EAC on the Comprehensive Steering Cmte. Updates to the township web site were discussed to make it easier for volunteers to sign up and access EAC information on events and resources (i.e. ESS videos, etc.). The EAC tasked staff to make the site easier to navigate.

Old Business:

Speaker Series

(Benefits of Meadows) – the content was good, but the attendance was low. There was general discussion about how to broaden the outreach.

Education Content:

Content is currently running in the Program Guide. Patrick indicated that other EAC tips etc. can also be run on FB as desired.

New Business:

ESS Speaker series for September 16 and October 21 needs to be in by the meeting in June. One speaker on the topic of Net Zero Living has been identified by John and is available. The BCSWA topic is to be pursued by Kevin with dates TBD between John and Kevin prior to June.

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Earth Day – Patrick provided a summary of preparations for Earth Day. Vendor participation is ~38+ with a wide variety of interests represented.

Upcoming Events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	Sept 16, 2025	6:30 PM	TBD
	Oct 21, 2025	6:30 PM	TBD
Garden Clean Up	March 29, 2025	9:30am – 11:30 am	Community Garden -Open
	October 4, 2025	9:30am – 11:30 am	Community Garden -Close
Community Clean Up	Sept 20, 2025	9am – 11am	
Earth Day	April 26, 2025	11am – 2pm	Core Creek Park

Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at **7:23 PM**.

Next Meeting: Unless otherwise noted, all EAC meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month, at the Middletown Township Building at 5:30.

Our next meeting scheduled will be on May 28, 2025.

Middletown Township EAC Members

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler**, Members: **Joe Leming**, **John Lopuszanski**, **Gerry Bender**, **Kevin Deeny**. Township Liaisons: **Paul Kopera**, **Patrick Graham**. Student Representative: Grace Anderson.