



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
May 22, 2024

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors

Joe Leming

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Approved 6-0

Public Comments

Joe Leming

6 out of 30 planted trees died since 2022.

Old Mill Drive trees have been mulched and watered.

The native garden was planted between trees.

Neighbors complained and the native garden may have to be removed.

Paul will survey the area on May 25.

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala

In reference to requiring a PINDI search to identify the impact on natural resources:

Certain agencies are notified during a search, i.e., fish and wildlife.

Newtown Township enforces the PINDI search with enough time to enforce the necessary changes.

It was suggested that the PINDI search should be done in Middletown Township before plans are brought before the EAC.

Paul will bring the suggestion of requiring a PINDI search to administration.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender

Compost bins are labeled. E-mails were sent out to gardeners on how to use compost bins.

The garden needs a hose reel.

Lowes has not been contacted about the shed

Garden looks good.



Tree Planting

John Lopuszanski:

Trees were watered during the dry spell.
Magnolia looks like it's surviving.
Pumping water from nearby streams is being considered.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

September 21, 2024 9:30 -11:30
Meet at the Senior Center.
Signs for advertising to be put out a week or two before the clean-up.

Climate Action Plan:

Kevin Deeny:

Municipalities will be assigned to CAP members to determine the scope of the ban.
Next CAP meeting is June 12, 2024.
Grace has ideas for the "Did You Know?" series. Find out what businesses offer paper bags.
Grace will email me a list of ideas and I will forward them to Paul for the program or for the website ,
and EAC members for comments.
The CAP meeting on June 12 was discussed. Paul will have the folder ready for EAC members by this Friday May 24. The information on municipality ordinances should be entered by May 31. That will allow time to review the information before the meeting on June 12. If anyone has any trouble getting their information into the folders, please ask Lauren or Kevin for assistance

Township Information

Paul Kopera

Patrick will be unavailable until the end of the summer.
Langhorne-Yardley Road work has begun from Bridgetown Pike to Woodbourne Rd.
Caretaker at Simmons Park asked for Elk Dwarf Mt Laurel which is the state flower.
Senior games on June 7 and June 10. Pickleball and Bocce. Bocce courts are state of the art with proper drainage.

Old Business:

Speaker Series:

The Fall series are scheduled for 9/17 and 10/15. Confirmation has been received from Neale Dougherty – Bucks County Sustainability Director. Patrick indicated that we will need a commitment by the May 2024 meeting to meet the printing deadline for the Fall Guide. Composting (yardwaste and food) is on the schedule.

New Business:

Paul will use comments on Earth Day'24 to improve on Earth Day'25.
Joe Leming will contribute to the plant give away again next year.
Approximately 1500 people attended this year.
In terms of single use plastics review, Paul will put a table in a share folder.



Paul will be giving the EAC members access to TEAMS.

Lauren suggested that the Penn Environmental template be referenced to help with with language, and that we follow their research-based recommendations on what to include in the ordinance.

Our June 26 EAC meeting will be optional for EAC members, but CAP committee members are asked to attend. In this meeting the results of our June 12 meeting will be discussed. EAC members can provide input at this time.

Upcoming Events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Environmentally Speaking Series	September 17, 2024	TBD	Township Building
Community Park clean-up	September 21, 2024	9:30-11:30 AM	Trenton Rd.:413 to Woodbourne
Tree Planting	TBD	TBD	
Garden clean-up	October 26, 2024	9:30-11:30 AM	Garden
Earth Day	April 27, 2024	11-2 PM	Core Creek Park
Holiday Open House	December 7, 2023	5:30-8:30	Township Building
CAP Meeting	June 12, 2024 July 10, 2024	5:30	Township Building

Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 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 scheduled meeting will be on September 25, 2024.

Meeting on June 26 is required for CAP team members, optional for other members.

Middletown Township EAC Members

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