



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council**  
**September 25, 2024**

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The meeting started at 5:40 PM

**Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors**

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

**Visitors:**

Russ Hartman ([RBH517@verizon.net](mailto:RBH517@verizon.net)), Penn St Master Gardener/Watershed Steward

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes approved unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Russ commented on his interest in stormwater management.

**Committee Reports:**

Note: committee reports were abbreviated in order to concentrate on the topics of the Plastics Ordinance review.

**Building and Subdivision Review**

**Peter Tantala:** no report

**Community Garden:**

**Gerry Bender:**

Gerry gave an overview of garden management. Looking into an area for an additional garden.

**Tree Planting**

**John Lopuszanski:**

Trees have been ordered for the Fall (November) planting. John is looking into a 12-volt pumping unit that can be used to facilitate tree watering. Trees are dying due to drought. The Nov'24 trees will be planted near Ford Avenue, Langhorne.



### **Beautification Committee:**

#### **Lauren Lareau:**

Successful clean-up. Trenton Rd. 18 bags, 1 muffler system, 6 cans of paint. 401 pounds total.

### **Climate Action Plan:**

#### **Kevin Deeny:**

Activity has centered around the Plastics Ordinance development, to be addressed below.

### **Township Information**

Community Fall event at Forsythia Crossing Park. Noon-5

Upcoming Speaker Series on Feb 18 and Mar 18, 2025. Topics TBD. Need to be to Paul by October 31 for the Winter Guide.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Speaker Series:**

The Fall series completed on 9/17 (Composting 21) and scheduled for 10/15 (Bucks County Sustainability 12).

#### **Single Use Plastics Ordinance Review:**

A matrix summarizing the parameters of 28 existing municipal ordinances was reviewed to provide a basis for development of a DRAFT ordinance for Middletown consideration. Action Taken: Kevin drafted the ordinance from available model sources and distributed it for review. Kevin presented it to the EAC. Draft was voted on and approved 7-0. It will now go to the township manager's office via Paul Kopera.

### **New Business:**

Educational content development for insertion into the township guide to be completed by Grace Anderson. Due at the meeting in October for approval to be in the next program guide. Grace will then email the ideas to Paul.

The regional EAC meeting is scheduled for October 5 at the Temple Ambler Campus. Those considering attending should notify the township.

John suggested a tree adoption program to care for the trees.

Juliana is interested in a summer internship program within the EAC.

An FYI to EAC members that Wednesday October 9 Bucks County Solid Waste Advisory Committee will present in Doylestown at 7:30 PM.



Suggestion was made to have a software tech work on easier registration for township events. People complain it is hard to register for seminars and volunteer events. Paul will dive into this more to see what the issues are.

**Upcoming Events:**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	September 17, 2024	6:30 PM	Composting (Russ Hartman)
	October 15, 2024	6:30 PM	Sustainable Energy Partnership
Garden clean-up	October 26	9:30-11:30	
Tree Planting	November - TBD	TBD	Ford Ave
Holiday Open House	December 12, 2024	5:30-8:30	

**Motion for Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM

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

Our next meeting scheduled will be on October 23, 2024.

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**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, Student Representative: **Grace Anderson**.