



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
October 23, 2024

The meeting started at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors: Russ Hartman – Watershed and Master Gardener through PSU
Joe Leming: Bucks County Parks and Rec Deputy Director approved planting a meadow along Bridgetown Pike.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Comments

Russ Hartman, as a Penn St Watershed Specialist, commented on his interest in the Township's stormwater management plan and the Stormwater Advisory Council.

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala reviewed the 1) **VW Piazza 1862 Lincoln Hwy** plan submittal: very little environmental impact. Corner will be beautified. Steep slope concerns. Needs DEP approval. The same letter sent in August will be reissued. CAP needs to be adhered to, PINDI search is necessary, and steep slope concerns. The letter is due November 1. Sidewalks will be suggested according to the MMIP.

2) Chick-fil-A at Oxford Valley by Sesame Place. Existing CFA building will be demolished, new building will replace from ground up. New building will be relocated slightly to accommodate a wider, designed drive-thru. A stormwater management system will be put in place. No environmental concerns. EAC suggests that the CAP be



addressed with specific items highlighted. Lauren will email Peter with suggestions. Peter will send a letter by November 1, 2024.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

Gerry gave an overview of garden management. Looking into an area for an additional garden. Spring Garden Cleanup is Saturday, March 29, 9:30-11:30 AM.

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 trees will be planted near Ford Avenue, Langhorne.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

Park clean-up will be on April 5, 2025, 9:30 – 11:30. Spring cleanup in the various parks. Specific parks are TBD.

Climate Action Plan:

Kevin Deeny:

Kevin requested information on recycling.
The CAP will be reviewed for ordinances.

Township Information

Paul announced that the public meeting for the P&R Comprehensive Plan will be held on Thursday, January 23 from 7-9 PM. Gerry Bender is on the P&R Comp CMTE but having all EAC members at this first public meeting will help a lot with getting environmental issues.

Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (SWAC):

Andy, Peter, and Joe are on the SWAC. The EAC needs to vote on a stormwater management fee. Grants are available. Russ suggested rebates for residents that install methods to reduce stormwater, for example, rain gardens. Kevin stressed being able to



measure success. Juliana was suggested as an intern to help with monitoring, possibly working with the township engineers.

Motion to approve a stormwater management fee passed 6-0; Lauren abstained.

Langhorne Spring Water Company- Andy suggested a visit since the last visit was January, 2020.

Holiday Open House- Joanne Morelli: each table should offer a holiday craft. EAC decided on the craft with pine cones.

Middletown Township received a million dollar grant from DCED/Local Share to replace metal halide lights with LED lights at Community Park. Paul hopes to install lights in 2025.

Old Business:

Speaker series review. Other EAC's are interested in starting a speaking series.

Grace needs to contact Paul with information for the Winter Guide by November 1.

New Business:

Renewal to another term: Andrew McAloon, Lauren Lareau, Kevin Deeny, and Peter Tantala. Peter has an application to join the Planning Commission where he has a wider lane for his review. It will benefit the Twp greatly to have a PE on the PC.

Upcoming Events:

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | |
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| Environmentally Speaking Series | Feb 18, 2025 | 6:30 PM | Ticks, Mosquitos/Dept of Health |
| | March 18, 2025 | 6:30 PM | Benefits of Meadows |
| Tree Planting | November - TBD | TBD | FordAve/Tareyton/Forsythia |
| Garden clean-up fall | October 26 | 9:30-11:30 | |
| Holiday Open House | December 12, 2024 | 5:30-8:30 | |



Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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 December 4, 2024, after Thanksgiving. Then the HOH on Dec 12th.

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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.