



Meeting Minutes

Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council

December 3, 2025

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors:

Russ Hartman

Peter Jordan

Cameron Sabara (Intern)

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

October minutes approved 5-0

Public Comments

Peter Jordan reported that the Newtown Joint Sewer Authority voted formally to terminate the Waste Water Treatment Plant 4-0. Borough Members decided to vote against it knowing Newtown Township did not support the project. The Land will now be offered back to the original buyer for sale, and what happens with the land from here on out is to be determined.

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

There was no Building or Subdivision review for this meeting. Patrick said due to the longer layoff with the holidays that any plans that come in will be reviewed by the EAC via email discussion.



Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

Discussion surrounded the lack of upkeep of the compost bin by the garden members. Gerry and Patrick will be meeting after the New Year to discuss setting up an in person meeting with garden club members to have a proactive discussion on expectations for 2026.

Tree Planting

John Lopuszanski:

Paul gave an update on the Fall tree planting since John could not be in attendance. 10 trees were planted along the Cobalt Ridge Greenbelt tree line. Species type were not readily available for the discussion but Paul was going to follow up with John.

Beautification Committee:

Joe Leming:

Spring Park Clean Up is scheduled for April 11th. Parks will be determined at the January EAC meeting by Parks & Recreation staff.

Climate Action Plan:

Kevin Deeny:

Kevin was not in attendance; no update was provided. Patrick noted that public outreach and township website update were in process.

Township Information

Patrick discussed the Program Guide and that any remaining details that needed to be added as soon as possible. Earth Day outreach has begun, plan for the January meeting to discuss new event details and vendors.

Patrick talked with Andy & Russ about the Stormwater Environmentally Speaking and it was suggested that Patrick confirm details with Nick regarding the program.

Paul discussed the 2026 Middletown Budget and proposed tax increase.



Old Business:

Fall EAC Gathering- members went to the event, Andy felt that he was interested by mostly the conversation about West Chesters storm water management stories. Other members could not attend, very little discussion on the topic.

Butterfly garden will be reviewed for rehab in early 2026

New Business:

- An Invasive Species Day concept was discussed by Joe & Patrick. The township is interested in starting this in 2026. Russ & Joe said Fall might be best to start due to the ease that the invasives can be dealt with at that time of year. It will be a combination education event and volunteer effort.
- No Mow policies were discussed. Patrick indicated a more strategic approach needs to be explored before any recommendations can be made. This subject will be left on the agenda for further updates and discussion.

Upcoming Events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	February 17, 2026	6:30	Stormwater
	March 17, 2026	6:30	Trees
Park Clean-Up	April 11, 2026	9-11 AM	
Tree Planting	November - TBD	TBD	
Garden clean-up	October 25, 2025		
Holiday Open House	December 11, 2025	5:30-8:30	



Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

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

Our next scheduled meeting will be on January 28, 2026

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 **Zowie Krzywonos**