



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
February 25, 2026

Meeting started at 5:30pm

Roll Call and Introduction of Visitors

Members in attendance are indicated in BOLD.

Visitors:

Peter Jordan

Ray Post

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

January minutes approved 5-0

Public Comments – No public comments, no updates

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review: Lauren Laureau, Dominic Cundari (remotely)
156 Clearview Ave a residential sub-division

3 lots, an existing and 2 new. They will provide trees (8). Recommend remove bamboo and plant trees. Review Climate Action Plan

Community Garden: Gerry Bender

Discussed agenda for March 16th meeting with gardeners, Russ was asked to attend to discuss composting.

Discussed covering grass in garden area, to avoid grass being cut. It was suggested to use brown paper on ground than cover with mulch. Monica will check to see if she can get mulch. A notice will be posted at the center about the meeting.

Tree Planting: John Lopuszanski

An invoice for 21 large trees was presented to P&R Interim Director. The small trees vendor is no longer in business. Octorara, a new vendor, \$5 - \$6 apiece, minimum of 750 trees.

Earth Day – would need at least 300 seedlings, usually get 400. Suggested use of paper bags or cups instead of tubes, for transport. Will need topsoil for potting
Cobalt Ridge for tree planting, sometime in April. Suggestions for other areas to plant.

Beautification : Joe Leming

Parks green belt cleanup- 4/11/26 – clean up by streams

DPW will weigh pick-ups

Need: vests, gloves and plastic bags

Suggest reusable signage in sections to promote clean ups.

CAP Progress: Kevin Deeny

Plastic ordinance: It is on the BOS next meeting on 3/9/26. Slides and brief of presentation was sent to Nick & Monica.

Political Signage Recycling: This is run at county level. Motion to send a letter to County Commissioners

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Structure on Word Process, township will host. Not worked out who will maintain the site.

Township Information: Monica Tierney

Township is reviewing changing regulations on all signage

Mandatory Energy Reporting Presentation by Nick Valla:

Old Business:

Speaker Series:

1. February: Stormwater 2/27 – cancelled, will reschedule for Sept series
2. March: Trees – Warren Edwards 3/17

Suggested to use Facebook as advertising for speaker series

Veterans Park Rehab update (Butterfly and Rain Gardens) – No update, Monica will connect with Joe and Cameron

No Mow areas: DPW to stop mowing, especially new tree planting

Invasive Species Day, Bird Town, Native Plant Ordinance update: BOS wants Bird Town, apply for designation. Invasive Species Day: potential partnerships for volunteers and possible DPW involvement.

Earth Day: Need to look for a new food vendor, looking for recommendations. DPW aware of help needed

New Business:

Meet Monica: Introduction of Monica Tierney

Energy Reporting Presentation

Presented by Emily Pugliese and Lauren Paulowski

Reporting Mechanism for Annual energy and building information to be collected yearly for municipal properties and residential property over 25000 sq ft 50 programs across the country. A bench mark will be developed with PECO to include properties, exemptions, tools, penalties and customization.

MOTION: Recommend that BOS sign the Delaware Valley regional Planning Commission Letter of Understanding for the energy Benchmarking Program

In favor: 4

Abstain: 1

Nay 1

Upcoming events

Event	Date	Time	
Environmentally Speaking Series	2/17/2026 3/17/2026	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Stormwater Trees
Park Clean-up	4/11/26	9-11 AM	
Tree Planting	TBD		
Garden Clean up	3/28/2026	9:30 – 11:30	
Earth Day	4/25/2026		

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

Our next meeting scheduled will be on March 25, 2026



Middletown Township EAC Members

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson **Joe Leming**, Secretary: **Gerry Bender**,
 Members: **Andy McAloon, John Lopuszanski, Kevin Deeny, Russ Hartman**
 Township Liaisons: **Monia Tierney, Nick Valla**
 Student Representative: **Zowie Krzywonos**
 Intern: **Cameron Sabara**