



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
January 22, 2025

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors:

Ray Post
Russ Hartman
Martha Gopal
Kim Hearn

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously 5-0.

Public Comments

Ray Post: questions on the water treatment facility and Lake Luxembourg.

Committee Reports

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala

Peter presented the following plans:

1. Farm's Edge at Shady Brook
53-acre parcel. 126 dwellings proposed.
Semi-detached homes.
Natural Resource Protection Issues across the middle of the property.
Peter will compose and send a letter addressing concerns which include the wetlands margin in comparison to soil type.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender



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Spring cleanup scheduled for March 29th, 9:30-11:30 AM. Kevin wants to build some boxes. P&R Staff to supply wood.

Tree Planting

John Lopuszanski:

Trees were selected. 20 total, trying 5 pine trees in containers – first time for PHS. To be planted mid-April 2025. Locations to be selected.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

Clean-up 9-11 April 5, 2025 in a) Lions Park , b) Green belt by Forsythia Crossing and c) Juniper Hill Greenbelt along Mill Creek. Put a note on the flyer asking for suggestions for a clean-up; Patrick noted that suggestion.

CAP

Kevin Deeny:

The focus is on Greenhouse gas reduction.

Identified major contributors:

residential, commercial, and transportation.

CAP workgroup meetings discussed ordinances for energy audits upon sale of home.

Deed restrictions regarding tree removal need to be in place and get confirmation.

Wording needs to be changed.

Township Information

Patrick Graham

Earth Day April 26, 2025, 11-2 PM at Core Creek Park, Pav 2

20 vendors so far

Trees will be set up next to EAC table.

Craft suggestions will be appreciated.

Kevin suggested an EV car show on Earth Day with residents bringing their cars.

Public Meeting January 23, 2025, 7PM for P&R Comprehensive plan - Residents can provide feedback on township programs.



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Old Business:

Speaker Series

The Spring 2025 series are scheduled for 2/18/25 (Mosquito Monitoring BCDH – 14 people) and 3/18 (Benefits of Meadows).

Education Content:

Did You Know? (Series for the Community Guide):

Grace will send articles to Patrick to be put on social media and in the program guide.

New Business:

The Building and Subdivision Review will be taken over by Lauren and Andy.

Newtown Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority wastewater treatment plans and Middletown's planned opposition:

Kevin Deeny: 3-pronged attack: 1) Legal via Township solicitor, 2.) Citizen's Group from Swan's Point 3.) Technical, EAC and RVE at PADEP.

There is major concern about the deleterious effect on Lake Luxembourg.

Kevin will send a memorandum to Paul who will send it to the township engineers and Twp Manager.

Upcoming Events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	February 18, 2025	6:30 PM	Mosquito Monitoring (14)
	March 18, 2025	6:30 PM	Meadow Benefits
Garden Clean Up	March 29, 2025	9:30am – 11:30 am	Community Garden
Community Clean Up	April 5, 2025	9am – 11am	Various Locations
Earth Day	April 26, 2025	11am – 2pm	Core Creek Park



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Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

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 scheduled meeting will be on February 26, 2025.

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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: **Grace Anderson**.

Note in EAC Minutes: On this night, about 140 residents of Middletown Township attended the Newtown Twp Board of Supervisors in opposition of the NBCJMA proposing a WWTP that will pour 2.5 million gallons of effluent into Lake Luxembourg daily. [It can be viewed here.](#)

January 8th Climate Action Plan (CAP) Meeting Minutes

During the EAC's CAP subcommittee on January 8th, the attendees reviewed the five-page draft that Kevin Deeny prepared. This white paper, once adopted by the entire EAC will be shared with the Middletown Twp Mgr, the Middletown Board of Supervisors, and the citizenry at large. Middletown is in strong opposition to WWTP and encourages Newtown to remain in the BCWSA system and the Neshaminy Interceptor, which is a large sewer pipe that carries wastewater from BC to the treatment facility in Philadelphia. BCWSA is upgrading the interceptor to handle increased flow.