



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
January 25, 2023

The meeting started at 5:30 PM. (The new start time in 2023.)

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

A motion was moved and seconded to keep current officers in their position.

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler**.

Visitors:

Karen Ogden, Watershed Specialist, Bucks County Conservation District.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved 5-0

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala: nothing to report on.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

Paul reported Garden clean-up is April 15, 2023. 14 people registered for plots. Stand up plots are available.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

The next park cleanup will be April 22, 2023.

Focus will be on Juniper Hill and other creek areas.

This will be advertised in the P&R Summer Guide that mails April 1.

John suggested measuring pounds of trash to possibly



apply for grant. John offered to donate a scale. Patrick will look into getting scales for weights.

Tree Planting:

John Lopuszanski:

John thanked Paul for getting the Spring'23 selection to him early so he could order some hard-to-get trees before they were sold out. The trees are paid for by Middletown Township; and acquired through the PA Horticultural Society Plant One Million Program. NEW Trees will be planted in April, 2021. Locations TBD. The 12 trees that were ordered are as follows: American Hornbeam (2), Green Hornbeam (2), Carolina Silverbell (2), Turkish Filbert (2), American Linden (grows to 70' with fragrant flowers) , Yellowwood (2).

Township Business:

Paul Kopera

- Multimodal Transportation Grant acquired by Township: Andy McAloon and Joe Leming, among other residents, were selected to sit on the Multimodal committee.
- Meanwhile, Parks and Recreation is updating its 2005 comprehensive plan. Paul is contacting folks to be on the P&R steering committee as well. Paul will need one member from the EAC (not named Andy) to be on the P&R Steering Cmte.
- Paul applied for the 2023 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence on the EAC's behalf recognizing the fantastic educational outreach done regarding Lake Luxembourg, Highland Gate Naturalization Project, and the EAC's Environmentally Speaking Series. Ideas for the Fall Environmentally Speaking series are needed by July 4th in order to make the P&R Fall Guide. Suggestions for future Environmentally Speaking series were: Invasive Species and Watersheds.

Old Business:

Speaker Series: February 28 (Recycling) & March 28 (Rain Gardens)

Paul noted that the main hall of the township building may not be available for the March 28 meeting but time will tell how that evolves. Meeting on February 1 at 5PM to discuss the Rain Garden presentation (ZOOM) led by Donna.

Earth Day: April 29

John needs 3x3x9" or 3x3x6" planters for trees.



Karen Ogden noted that a tree planting will be done during Earth Day. Patrick has large recycle bins for residents. Residents will need to register for them and pick them up at Earth Day.

New Business:

Better placement is needed for the EAC table at the Holiday Open House. Paul noted that for 2023's event.

Karen Ogden noted that it will take time to get data from the dredging of Lake Luxenbourg.

Motion for Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was moved and seconded.

The meeting ended at 7:50PM

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on **February 22, 2023, at 5:30PM.**

Middletown Township EAC Members:

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler**, Members: **Peter Tantala**, **John Lopuszanski**, Gerry Bender, Kevin Deeny. Township Liaison: **Paul Kopera**, Associate Member: Cindy Abell, Student Member: Alex Abell, Assistant Township Manager, Nick Valla, Patrick Graham (Program Coordinator).