

Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
February 22, 2023



The meeting started at 5:30 PM
Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors
Members in attendance are indicated below in Bold.

Visitors:
Martha Gopall, Joe Leming

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Approved 7-0

Committee Reports:
Building and Subdivision Review Peter Tantala: no report
Community Garden: Gerry Bender
Garden clean-up is April 15, 2023. All plots are registered. Registration is closed online. Latecomers will be referred to Gerry. Gerry will update the pictures at the Senior Center. Information on the garden will be presented at Bingo.
Beautification Committee: Lauren Lareau: The next park cleanup will be April 22, 2023.
Patrick will look into getting scales to weigh trash collected.
Joe Hogan has people that want to be part of the cleanup. Suggestions for sites should be emailed to Patrick Graham. Suggestions voiced were: Chickenfoot Road, Trenton Rd, Mill creek at Forsythia Gate, Superhighway North of Maple Ave, and the area around Highland and Gillam Ave.

Tree Planting: John Lopuszanski:
Trees will be planted in April. Locations TBD. The 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).
Please email John with suggested locations.

Township Business:
Paul Kopera: The Multimodal Steering Committee met this evening. A public meeting will be held in week or so to discuss a wish list for trails connecting to Core Creek Park.

Patrick Graham:
The township applied for and received a grant to provide the residents with recycle bins. 2500 32 gal. bins will be distributed. Residents can register online at Parks and Recreation to receive a bin. 12,500 informational post card magnets related to recycling will be mailed to residents on or around March 17, 2023.

Old Business:

Speaker Series: February 28 (Recycling): 54 sign ups so far & March 28 (Rain Gardens).

Kevin requested pamphlets for the Rain Garden series. Any extra will be distributed at Earth Day and Holiday Open House.

Earth Day: April 29 11 AM - 2 PM

Patrick noted that this year there will be 32 vendors. Last year there were 28.

John needs 3x3x9" or 3x3x6" planters for trees. Patrick will provide the planters.

CCA:

The EAC members requested data to back the information on CCA. Paul will contact the town in Westchester County in NY. A separate discussion will be held on CCA. Date TBD.

New Business:

Martha Gopall questioned the removal of trees in Core Creek Park. Paul commented that the trees were Ash trees and had to be removed. There will be a tree planting in the park on Earth Day to begin to replenish the removed trees.

Paul mentioned that Penn Dot will be starting construction on the intersection of Woodbourne and Yardley-Langhorne Rd in 2024. Andy questioned the planned turn around at Bridgetown Pike and Yardley-Langhorne Rd.

Joe Leming reported they lost 1 tree from the November tree planting. He stated it appeared that the trunk was snapped, maybe from a deer.

Kevin Deeny: Water quality data discussion.

Kevin discussed the results of the water study done to support Ms4.

Summary of Kevin's discussion:

The data Kevin provided is informal data. He stated there should be a buffer zone, possibly in the conservation area. It was recommended talk to Karen to possibly make this area a meadow.

Farmlands are the main contributor to the pollution in lake.

Kevin would like to get the data on the outflow. This data is not available to the public.

Dam construction will get started in 2025, this will take 2 years.

Motion for Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was moved and seconded.

The meeting ended at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on March 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** (P&R Program Coordinator).