



Meeting Minutes

Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council

March 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
Ed Armstrong GOAL

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved 7-0

Public Comments:

Joe Leming inquired about starting a Friends of Old Mill Woods to clean up invasive species and tend to trees. A proposal needs to be submitted to Paul Kopera.

Ed Armstrong has trees to donate to Earth Day.

Ed Armstrong visited to find out what is going on in other areas of the township. Ed shared information on water salinity near the salt barn in the location of Silver Lake Nature Center. Data is going to be used as a historical baseline and entered into a database.

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala:



Report 1: Langhorne Sq Shopping Center: Chick-fil-A. This is a low impact development. Nothing new to discuss. Previous letter will be referenced.

Report 2: 706 Sunflower Ave. A residential property with one single residence. 2/3 acre site that will be subdivided into two sites and a new home to be built. No flood plain, no flood plain soils, no steep slopes, no water courses, no wetlands on site. No streams, creeks, or ponds. Existing conditions plan (02.17.23) shows very little amount of trees. Trees were most likely removed before the plan was provided. Woodlands provisions plan shows that ¼ tree canopy needs to be undisturbed. Trees will need to be replanted to make up for those removed to the extent of 33 trees. A letter of recommendation will be sent.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

Garden clean-up is April 15, 2023 9:30-11:30. 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.

Meeting on April 4 to talk about containers.

Kevin requested rebar to reinforce beds and 2 cubic yards of soil.

Gerry needs water at the community center garden.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

The next park cleanup will be April 22, 2023. 9:30-11:30

Patrick will look into getting scales to weigh trash collected.

Joe Hogan has people that want to be part of the clean up. Delaware Park will be cleaned up.

Paul will send Lauren a list of the parks to be cleaned up. Check the Middletown website for additional locations.

Tree Planting:

John Lopuszanski:

Trees will be planted in April.



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).

Locations: Snowball, Lion's Park, Forsythia, and Cobalt.

Township Business:

Paul Kopera:

Final Winter Walk at Tyler State Park on March 25, 2023.

The township received a grant to redo Forsythia Crossing Park.

April is a busy month for EAC.

Old Business:

Speaker Series: February 28 (Recycling) was a success.

March 28 (Rain Gardens) 48 registrants.

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

EAC members will be available to work at Earth Day.

Patrick supplied planters to John for Earth Day.

Paul spoke on recycling container registration and pick up.

Lauren spoke on CCA. CCA will be revisited in the future.

Suggestions for future speaker series:

Sept 19: Invasive Species, Oct 17: Weatherization of homes, March '24, Spraying for insects vs not spraying.

Motion for Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was moved and seconded.

The meeting ended at 7:39 PM

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on **April 26, 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)