



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
April 26, 2023

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors:

Ed Armstrong GOAL (Greenbelt Overall Alliance of Levittown)

Ed donated 95 trees (60 Sweet Gum, 35 Red Maple) for our Earth Day Events; plants are from Pinelands Nursery.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved 5 - 0

Public Comments:

No comments.

Committee Reports:

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala:

No report. Questions in regard to the property at Dunkin Donuts (Old Lincoln & Maple Ave) in terms of the trees removal.



Community Garden:

Gerry Bender (reported by email):

Saturday 4/15 was the garden clean up, there was a wonderful turnout. At least 20 volunteers and gardeners showed up to help turn the soil in all the boxes and containers. The boxes were then topped off with topsoil. The front garden was cleaned out and topsoil was added.

As of 4/15 there are 3 small containers that have not yet been assigned. Gerry reached out to the gardeners, and all the boxes and containers had been assigned. An updated list has been sent to Patrick, so registration is up to date.

There are about 7 boxes that need repair, repairs are waiting on rebar from the township to try and make the boxes stronger. (18 24" bars – Paul to acquire for Kevin.)

Many of the gardeners asked about water during the cleanup, and they had referred them to Paul. Hopefully we can get water now that the garden is full. PMK submitted paperwork and submission payment to LBCJMA on 4/19. Hoping to have water in the garden this summer.

Gerry was advised of a possible garden spot behind the old school on Woodbourne Rd. The site has not been scoped out yet, but, if this is a possibility, it could be a second garden site. Paul Kopera added: if 'old school' being the former Eisenhower school on 1700 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, it's private property (not school property) and they may develop that tract of land down the road.

There is a gardener at the Senior Center that works at Lowes in Bensalem, she will investigate the possibility of getting a shed at the garden for tools.

Gerry would like to schedule the fall garden clean up on Saturday 10/28 if possible. Thanks for booking early.



Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

The park clean-up was successful. 50 volunteers; 600 lbs. of trash.
Fall clean up on September 16, 2023, 9-11am.

Tree Planting:

John Lopuszanski:

Trees were planted on April 20, 2023, in Snowball/Lion's Park (6), Forsythia (2), and Cobalt (4). 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). The next planting will be in November.

John told the group that PHS is hosting Tree Tender classes in the area.

Township Business:

New Business:

Paul Kopera:

PennDot Road closures:

Trenton Road between WAWA and Herbert Hoover Elementary School.

Highland Avenue Parkland section of Langhorne.

Block Party at Community Park on May 5, 2023.

Grass clippings: Highland Park residents complained about people dumping grass clippings. To resolve in a friendly manner, the EAC drafted a letter sent to residents regarding the dumping of grass clipping by the Mill Creek banks. Paul mailed letter to about 25 homes in the area of the dumping.

Plastic bag ban in Newtown, PA. Should Middletown follow?

Lauren also asked about the CCA meeting for May; discussion ensued.

Paul will set up a meeting between Lauren and Ass't Twp Manager, Nick Valla.



Old Business:

Pat Graham: Earth Day Update:

Attached is a list of vendors for Earth Day for EAC.

Speaker Series: Rain Gardens speaker series was successful (45). The recent three Environmentally Speaking Series had great attendance: Lake Lux (49), Peco Solar (47), Recycle (90), Rain Gardens (45).

September 19 Topic: Invasive species.

October 17 Topic: Weatherization of House

Plan on setting up a meeting with Nick Valla to search for grant funding for weatherization.

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 **May 24, 2023, at 5:30PM**. This meeting will allow for an in-depth discussion on the workings of a CCA and if its viable for Middletown Township.

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).