



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council**  
**March 27, 2024**

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The meeting started at 5:30 PM

**Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors**

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

**Visitors:**

**Cathy Anderson, Grace Anderson, Nicole Tener (for Patrick Graham)**

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes approved 6-0

**Public Comments**

No comments.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Subdivision Review**

**Peter Tantala**

Peter presented the following plans:

**1. *2350 Big Oak Rd:***

Perreira. Concrete

15 acres 100% wooded. 26000 sq ft office and storage area.



Construction yard.  
Plan includes 14 trees. Code calls for 411 trees.  
Variance was granted to remove 70% woodlands.

### **Community Garden:**

#### **Gerry Bender:**

Interest is great at the senior center.  
Materials for garden clean-up and preparation are being arranged. Straw bales are being procured.  
Garden clean-up is scheduled for April 20, 2024 - 9:30-11:30 AM  
Gerry is requesting more boxes. 2x8' or more space.  
Kona Compost will demonstrate how to set up a compost.

### **Tree Planting**

#### **John Lopuszanski:**

Trees ordered are mainly for wet locations. Spring EAC tree planting will mainly be focused on the area at the intersection of Twin Oak Drive (S) and Trail Rd where a surface depression exists. April 18 is a tentative date. Lions Park was suggested. John would like a list of trees for Earth Day. Nicole will send John the list. Potting soil and containers will be provided at Earth Day.

### **Beautification Committee:**

#### **Lauren Lareau:**

Park cleanup on April 6, 2024.  
9-11 AM  
Forsythia Park (Kevin)  
Juniper Hill (Patrick)  
Snowball Gate (Lauren)

### **Climate Action Plan:**



See attached minutes from the CAP meeting

### **Township Information**

Paul advised to keep the 4/8/2024 BOS meeting 7:00 PM (wear your tee shirt).

New construction on outdoor hockey rink at Forsythia Gate.

New deck on the barn at community park is going out to bid.

Program guide will include an environmental tip.

### **Old Business:**

**Earth Day** – April 27; 11AM – 2 PM. At least 41 vendors have committed so far and more are expected in the next week or so. The tree give-away will take place during the event. See comments above. EAC members should review materials required for the event a week or two prior to ensure that they are transported to the site for the EAC table. Patrick confirmed that the Insulation Demo by Tom McCool will be there along with the township's EV. Kona Compost will donate a swag for the table.

### **Speaker Series:**

The Fall series are scheduled for 9/17 and 10/15. Confirmation has not yet been received from Neale Dougherty: Bucks County Sustainability Director. Patrick indicated that we will need a commitment by the May 2024 meeting to meet the printing deadline for the Fall Guide. Alternatives need to be considered – composting has been suggested as a possibility.

John suggested a gardening series for next Spring series. Penn Environmental was suggested as a contact.

### **New Business:**

CAP meeting suggested a "Did You Know...." section for social media. Student representative will work with the other students on the section.

Educational Content

Ordinance Review.



**Upcoming Events:**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	March 19, 2024	6:30 PM	Bird Town
Level 1 Charging	March 19, 2024	4:30 PM	Ribbon Cutting
Community Park clean-up	April 6, 2024	9-11AM	
BOS Meeting	April 8, 2024		TBA
Tree Planting	TBD	TBD	
Garden clean-up	April 20, 2024	9:30-11:30 AM	
Earth Day	April 27, 2024	11-2 PM	
Holiday Open House	December 7, 2023	5:30-8:30	

**Motion for Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

**Next Meeting:** Unless otherwise noted, all EAC meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, at the Middletown Township Building at 5:30.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday April 24, 2024.

Our next scheduled meeting CAP meeting will be at 5:30 on May 8, 2024



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Middletown Township EAC Members

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler**,  
Members: **Peter Tantala**, **John Lopuszanski**, **Gerry Bender**, Kevin Deeny, Township  
Liaisons: **Paul Kopera**, Patrick Graham (**Nicole Tener**).



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Middletown Township EAC – CAP subgroup**  
**March 13, 2024**

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The meetings of the CAP subgroup are held as informal working sessions focused on tasks associated with the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

The meeting started at 5:30 PM and ended at 6:30 PM.

**Attendees**

Those in attendance included: Lauren Lareau, John Lopuszanski, Donna Fiedler, and Kevin Deeny,

**Agenda Items**

Ten priority CAP tasks have been reviewed and discussed previously. See below. In many cases, action items had been identified and this meeting consisted of a recap of those topics.

**Residential Buildings (RB)**

- 1 - 1A (Home weatherization)
- 2 - 1E (Improve insulation)
- 3 - 3B (Educational workshops)

**Commercial Buildings (CB)**

- 4 -4A (Recognition program)

**Waste/Recycling (WR)**

- 5 - 1B (Single-use plastic bag alternatives)  
Engage elected body; determine scope; how to enforce?
- 6 - 1F (Repurposing unsold, consumable food)  
Recommend best approach and lead/facilitate effort
- 7 - 2C (Expand multi-family recycling)  
Apartment complexes and townhome communities

**Water/Wastewater (WW)**

- 8 - 2C (Low/No cost residential retrofits)  
Explore grants, educational outreach, and business partnerships



### **Transportation (TR)**

- 9 - 2E (Alternatives to salt for snow/ice removal)  
Research and identify best practices; pilot potential alternatives
- 10 - 3C (Encourage commercial areas to add EV charging stations)

### **Discussion**

Given the township's advancement in EV charging station installations, it is appropriate to put additional effort into Task TR-3C and encourage commercial installations. Some exist now at the Middletown Giant (New Falls Rd), AAA, and WaWa (Rte. 1). However, other locations with high potential such as Sesame Place and the OV Mall do not presently have installations. Contact attempts have been made in the past without response.

- Donna will do some research into contacts at Sesame Place to identify who we can communicate with regarding plans for EV charging stations at their property.
- We also need to identify a responsive contact for the OV Mall management to pursue the same inquiry.

Task CB—4A was also discussed regarding the potential to highlight a commercial entity that has presently installed EV charging stations (Giant, AAA, WaWa) which can serve the intentions for both tasks.

- Donna will discuss the preparation of a public acknowledgement with the Neshaminy students to enlist their support in developing the write-up.

The general topic of educational advertising touches on many of the CAP tasks. A "Did you know?" series of focused environmental facts was discussed as a potential project for the EAC in general and Neshaminy students in particular. These would be prepared for both print media (Township Guides) and for electronic billboards.

- Donna will discuss this potential during her outreach to the students.

### **Next CAP subgroup Meeting**

April is a busy month for the EAC. A CAP subgroup meeting has not yet been scheduled for April. However, ongoing effort may warrant a meeting if significant developments occur.