



Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council
December 4, 2024

The meeting started at 5:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors:

Joe Leming
Russ Hartman

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Comments

No comments.

Committee Reports:

Note: committee reports were abbreviated to concentrate on the topic of the Wood School property overlay application.

Building and Subdivision Review

Peter Tantala

Peter presented the following plans:

1. *Knights of Columbus – 1492 Woodbourne Rd.*



Essentially a zoning measure as re-wording of the definition of a Professional District is sought. Concern was expressed that this could impact other properties in existing P districts. No natural resource protection language was noted. (Note: Paul & Peter attended the Jan. 2. The change in language was an addition to the existing P Zoning language that if a builder wants to build some affordable units, this P zoning would offer a denser housing mix to accommodate that situation.)

2. 1411 Woodbourne Rd.

Project involves 1 acre of land disturbance. Reply with standard review requirements and CAP recommendations.

3. Woods School Overlay District Petition

Proposal to create an overlay district to consolidate 11 properties totaling ~ 220 acres into one overlay area which would allow new uses other than exist R-1 district and reassignment of Natural Resource Protections. Concern expressed about dilution of Natural Resource Protections particularly given the existence of appreciable woodlands.

Membership expressed opposition which would be conveyed to the Township. (Note: The EAC Chairperson expressed such concern at the Dec 4 Planning Commission that occurred immediately after this EAC meeting.)

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:

Spring cleanup scheduled for March 29th.

Tree Planting

John Lopuszanski:

No new conditions to note.



Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

No new conditions to note.

Climate Action Plan:

Kevin Deeny:

CAP workgroup meetings are to resume in January, on the second Wednesday of each month.

Township Information

1. LED grant of \$1M was obtained for new LED lights at Community Park.
2. Solar PV is planned for the barn roof.
3. Newtown WWTP is proposed to discharge into Core Creek. To be discussed on 12/16/24 mtg of the BOS.

Old Business:

1. Speaker Series:
The Spring 2025 series are scheduled for 2/18/25 (Mosquito Monitoring BCDH) and 3/18 (Benefits of Meadows).
2. Education Content: Did You Know? Series for the Community Guide
3. Holiday Open House – Confirmed hands on activity centered on children for making pinecone bird feeders.

New Business:

Residential tree planting programs such as implemented in Philadelphia was discussed.

Upcoming Events:

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
Environmentally Speaking Series	February 18, 2025	6:30 PM	Mosquito Monitoring
		6:30 PM	



	March 18, 2025		Meadow Benefits
Garden Clean Up	March 29, 2025	9:30am – 11:30 am	Community Garden
Community Clean Up	April 5, 2025	9am – 11am	Various Locations
Earth Day	April 26, 2025	11am – 2pm	Core Creek Park

Motion for Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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

Our next meeting scheduled will be on January 22, 2025.

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**, Student Representative: **Grace Anderson**