

Meeting Minutes
Middletown Township ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 24, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Middletown Township ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC), held on Wednesday 27 January 2021, commencing at 6:30 pm held online via ZOOM.

1. Roll Call & Introduction of Members

EAC members are listed in the footer below. Names in **Bold** were present at the meeting.
Introduction of members to visitors.
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2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the 27 January 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Committee Reports:

- Building & Subdivision Plan Reviews:

Peter Tantala:

DJBC: Letter was drafted and sent to the township.

Reedman Properties (see Jan 27 minutes for concerns): letters were drafted and sent to the township.

Chick-Fil-A on the agenda for the March 3 planning commission.

DD: sketch plan on the agenda for the March 3 planning commission.

- **Garden Committee**: Gerry Bender reported visiting the gardens with Chris McCarron. Suggested that announcements regarding the garden should go out to the community. Paul will discuss this at a later date.

Butterfly garden will be visited after the snow melts.

- **Tree Planting**: John Lopuszanski will take over as chair of tree planting. Steve will work with John.

- **Beautification Committee**: Hopeful for an Earth Day clean-up.

- **Butterfly Garden**:

- **Township Information**: Deferred to Earth Day 2021

4. Old Business

Climate Action Plan Results presented by Nick Valla and students:

-Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Middletown Township inventory provided a baseline for the plan. Will be working with the township to set up goals for the township and get input from the community.

Looking to devise methods. Board of Supervisors wants the EAC to form a steering committee and develop policies to reduce greenhouse gases in Middletown Township. Need: Vision Statement. What do we hope to accomplish?

Questions from members were addressed.

March 10, 2021 will be a brainstorming session to develop a mission statement from the EAC.

-Ready for 100. Greenhouse Gas Inventory was the first step.

-Climate Action Plan will be part of the next meeting. Possible March 10th meeting to brainstorm a vision statement.

-Growing Greener Grant at NHS: Information provided by Jim Murray.

Idlewood: On NHS campus. Grant received to develop the area and make part of it an outdoor classroom.

Requesting in-kind donations from the EAC.

The EAC pledged 100 hours of involvement over the next three years.

5. New Business

Earth Day 21 will be Virtual. Replication of last year. Social media will address environmental related issues. Send any resources to Patrick Graham. Explore a clean-up such as neighborhoods or a few specific places. Liability and safety issues will be worked out as stated by Paul and Patrick.

6. Next Meeting – The next EAC meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 March, 2021 via virtual conference at 6:30 pm. The ZOOM link is the same as the last meeting.

Here is the link to the Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

Passcode: 269743

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83871035211?pwd=SENucG12YnNzMVd6R3kwdE83R3phZz09>

7. Adjournment – motion was made and seconded at 8:15 pm.

Middletown Township EAC Members:

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson: **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler** Members: **Peter Tantala, Steve Donohue, Gerry Bender, John Lopuszanski**

Rebecca Blank, Jeremy Mandea

Beautification Committee: Alex Jacoski, Barbara Sauers

Township Liaison: **Paul Kopera, Patrick Graham**

Student Members: Jack Brookshaw, **Alex Abell**

Visitors: **Nick Valla, Trevor Walsh, James Murray, Marleen Troy, Kevin Deeny, Kayla Acker-Carter, Allie Faunce**