

Meeting Minutes  
Middletown Township ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 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 24 February 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**- Building & Subdivision Plan Reviews:**

**-Peter and Paul: Both plots at the Reedman Property were approved.**

**Zoning changed back to 2017 to include an industrial warehouse: less traffic, less employees.**

**North of Rt 213 (Reedman Property) to be used for Amazon parking was approved. Were asked to leave a buffer for residents. Impervious coverage was a concern causing negative impacts. A letter was sent by EAC stating concerns.**

**-Cornerstone Tracy (23-acre residential development/ two phase development) was addressed.**

**Low impact development. Steep slope areas were concerning.**

**In June 2020 the EAC sent a letter of concern regarding environmental impact. Letter from developer was sent back addressing the concerns. Steep slopes would be addressed.**

**Recommended trees that were diseased or stressed would be replaced after a review by a certified arborist.**

**Soil erosion and sediment details were also addressed.**

**Storm water management was also addressed. Much more pervious surface will be added to this area.**

**Roof drainage was addressed and details were given in the response.**

**Pedestrian and bicycle routes will be addressed to traffic committee.**

**Kevin suggested charging stations in new development. Peter suggested recharging station bonuses.**

Paul suggested adding that in the letter to PPD.

**-West side of Middletown near St Mary's Hospital. Pennswood Village (82 acre senior living facility).**

12 acres are to be used to build more residential units. An addition to the common building would be added. No flood plain impact. Future parking in question. Peter will send a letter.

**- Garden Committee:**

Gerry Bender:

Butterfly garden was discussed. Alex wants to help with the community garden. Water is needed.

Garden potting table needs to be replaced. Tool shed is needed. Aesthetics will be addressed.

Alex will present a plan.

**-Tree Planting:**

John:

Two-day workshop on Tree Planting.

Seedlings to give away.

Lawn to meadow program. Ernst provides a meadow mix.

Start small and extend in the future. Get community input.

**- Beautification Committee:**

Mini-cleanups will be done in honor of Earth Day 21.

**- Butterfly Garden:** Rebecca, Gerry, and Donna visited the gardens and decided to add plants in the late Spring and extend the garden in the Fall.

**- Township Information:**

April 17 Free shredding day.

9-12

New LED lights will be put into Twin Oaks Park.

#### **4. Old Business**

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

**-Climate Action Plan.** March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to brainstorm a vision statement.

EAC approved the Mission Statement.

Next meeting will be on April 14 at 6:30. Same link as ZOOM meeting. Brainstorming ideas for township to reduce the carbon footprint.

The link for the survey is active.

## **5. New Business**

### **Earth Day 2021**

**Virtual. April 24. Please review resources on township website and send ideas to Patrick.**

**Mini cleanups have been planned. Information will be sent out. Patrick is looking for volunteers: 9-11am.**

**Firefighters Park**

**Community Park**

**Twin Oaks Park**

**Quincy Cobalt Greenbelt**

**Forsythia Crossing Park & Greenbelt**

**6. Next Meeting** – The next EAC meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 April, 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 –**

Meeting was adjourned 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

Beautification Committee: Alex Jacoski, Barbara Sauers

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

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

Visitors: **Kevin Deeny**