



Meeting Minutes

Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council

September 28, 2022

The meeting started at 6:30 PM

Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors (4):

Martha Gopal, Pat Ramirez, Linda Elasser, Joe Leming

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved 6-0.

Public Comment:

Linda Elasser: Concerned about salt trucks from the new facility passing through Highland Gate during construction and after construction.

Joe Leming: Interested in planting native plants on township property at Old Mill Wood entrance from Bridgetown Pike. Paul will check with DPW about the project. Deer and rabbits will be an issue.

Pat Ramirez: is a Pennswood Village resident and explained their Environmental Plan features that include:

Transportation: Goal :10yr zero emissions. Installed charging stations. Bought electric vehicles.

Solar study will be done in the next year.



Going Green education to help people be better consumers.

Recycling program: successful with aluminum.

Current focus is eliminating plastic.

Committee Reports

Building and Subdivision Review:

Peter Tantala (Paul and Patrick were debriefed by Peter earlier in the day and they presented on Peter's behalf. Peter was unable to attend the EAC meeting).

Stone Farm: Developer took township to court over the original plan denial in 2016/17 (?) for the approximate 250 larger homes spread throughout the 160-acre parcel. While that lawsuit pends, this new plan could satisfy all parties – Township, developer, residents of "Save Stone Meadow Farm" in objection to the development. A conservation easement on both sides and a 55+ community in the middle with more dense housing being proposed as a compromise. The EAC members suggested that the CAP be addressed in terms of electric charging stations. Peter's letter will ask for a clarification on wetlands and wetland margins, and that it is carefully inspected during construction. Paul promised to send the link from the Twp website of the most recent Stone Farm discussion from the 4/18/22 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Linden Avenue Subdivision:

4 irregular lots divided into two equal plots and possibly rezoned to one zone type for continuity. PNDI search requested. Implementation of Measures in the CAP regarding water and energy use. This plan was just a plot line change. No building, changes, or construction.

Community Garden:

Gerry Bender:



October 15, 2022, scheduled garden clean-up 9:30-11:30 AM at the Senior Center on 2140 Trenton Road. Compost and soil will be needed (3 cy of manure or equivalent). Paul will contact DPW for amended soil deli. A list of tasks during cleanup will be posted. Flyer for Oct 15 has been printed and is in the Fall P&R Guide. That is the reason for seven registrants already plus EAC members who Patrick will register. Water may be on the way for the garden. Paul is working on it.

Beautification Committee:

Lauren Lareau:

Trash pickup was successful! Thank you to all who attended! 46 bags of trash and various items. John suggested measuring pounds of trash to possibly apply for grant(s). Park cleanup set for April 22, 2023.

Tree Planting:

John Lopuszanski:

Planting in Old Mill Woods in November (either 18 or 19th), exact date TBD. Paul ordered the 30 trees from PHS. Most of the 30 will be planted at OMW but a few trees will need to be planted elsewhere on public property. Paul & John will discuss locations for residual trees off-line.

Township Business/New Business:

Patrick Graham:

Recycling grant DEP 902 to give out recycling bins to residents. A pamphlet will be given out with the bins. Patrick is looking for suggestions from EAC for text suggestions. Members suggested a trip to the WM recycling facility; last EAC trip was several years ago. During a brief survey, not one person knew that the TWP



had two designated 'cardboard only' dumpsters at Community Park and DPW front lot along Trenton Rd. Paul will do a blurb in the next P&R Guide for xmas boxes.

Paul Kopera:

Speaker series 10/18/22 PECO presenting Earth Day April 29, 2023 selected and planning will begin. Holiday Open House 12/8/22 where EAC will have table. Suggestion for a photo board was brought up. Paul has photos and will pursue this feature. John took samples from Lower Gwynedd EAC from the Penn State Ext. MT EAC could easily mimic. Trails throughout the Twp. will be discussed in relation to the upcoming P&R comprehensive plan update. The current document was done in 2005. October 22 EAC workshop in Haverford \$65. EAC members asked if Twp will cover. Paul will confirm.

Motion for Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was moved and seconded, 6-0.

The meeting ended at 8:20PM

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Building in-person on October 26, 2022, at 6:30PM.

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).