

Meeting Minutes  
Middletown Township ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 27, 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.

The following members were nominated for the listed positions, and approved:

Chairperson: Lauren Lareau

Vice Chairperson: Andy McAloon

Secretary: Donna Fiedler

Peter, thank you for your previous work as Secretary. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

**2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the 2 December 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**- Building & Subdivision Plan Reviews:**

Peter Tantala:

**DRJTBC**

-Peter sent letters to the township supervisors in regards to the DRJTBC. Concerns addressed are salt and brine affecting the headwaters of the Mill Creek, sewage concerns, and wetland concerns. Digital copies are forthcoming. This is an agency that gets approved through the state, the township has limited control as a township as reported by Paul. The EAC voices concerns as stated by Chris.

**Reedman Property between I95 and Maple Ave:**

Area is to be paved extensively for Amazon Parking. Negative environmental concerns were cited. Environmental impact study should have been completed (PINDI search). EAC has requested a copy, or have one done.

**Warehouse**

-Proposed: 450,000sq ft warehouse on 45 acres directly across from Amazon site on Reedman property. Rt 213 and I95. Peter has drawings. (not located in a floodplain or wetlands, does have a steep slope).

Paul Kopera commented that it will never be residential. Steve Donohue expressed concerns about stormwater runoff.

Peter stated that the proposal included a natural resource study (first ever).

**-Lincoln Highway (near Inspire Credit Union)**

**Chick-Fil-A :**

Detailed plans were received. No natural resource impact study was presented.

No landscape plan or details were included.

Impervious surface was addressed.

Peter will send a review letter.

**Old Lincoln Highway and Maple Avenue**

Proposing larger DD parking lot with Drive Thru. Put in new driveways.

A five lot subdivision on woodlands next to DD is being proposed.

The number of trees being removed are a concern.

Peter discussed the conceptual plans.

**- Garden Committee:** Chris reported that Gerry Bender would replace him on the Garden Center. Thank you for your hard work on this committee, Chris, and good luck on your move.

**- Tree Planting:** Steve discussed the following efforts:

Tree to be planted in Community Garden.

Deer guard discussed. Remove stakes from old plantings. Will organize efforts. Information on Spring Planting will be coming at a later date.

**- Beautification Committee:** Hopeful for a Spring Cleanup. April 17 Oxford valley Mall shredding. Old electronics at Vintage Tech on Wheeler Way can be dropped off.

**- Butterfly Garden:** Donna and Gerry to continue work with Butterfly Garden at New Rodgers Rd.

**- Township Information:** Paul reported: ZOOM link will be the same for future meetings.

**- Terracycle:** Paul reported:

Municipal building collection. Discussed reminding the public.

**4. Old Business**

Committee Reports were presented.

**5. New Business –**

Ready for 100. Information will be coming.

Supervisors meeting on Feb 16. 7 PM

Lauren encouraged EAC members to attend.

Earth Day 21 will be Virtual.

Reminders on recycling were discussed.

April 17 Oxford Valley Mall shredding event. Old electronics can be dropped off at Vintage Tech on Wheeler Way on that day.

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

**8. Adjournment** – motion was made and seconded at 8:19 pm.

**Middletown Township EAC Members:**

Chairperson: **Lauren Lareau**, Vice Chairperson: **Andy McAloon**, Secretary: **Donna Fiedler** Members: **Chris McCarron, Peter Tantala, Steve Donohue**, Rebecca Blank, Jeremy Manda, **Gerry Bender, John Lopuszanski**

Beautification Committee: Alex Jacoski, Barbara Sauers

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

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