



## Meeting Minutes

### Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council

October 26, 2022

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The meeting started at 6:30 PM

#### Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

#### Public Comment:

##### **John McHale and Cindy Aquaro:**

John McHale and his wife Cindy attended the EAC meeting tonight and during public comment, they informed the EAC of the environmental issues at 185 Red Rose Drive (Bangor's property). John McHale claims that the owner performs work on the open ground which allows oil waste and car paint into the creek behind his house. That creek is part of the Mill Creek Watershed, The EAC is aware that the Mill Creek Watershed has been impaired since 1998 (as determined by the PA DEP) and consider this a serious issue.

The following were alleged by Mr. McHale:

1. Bangor buys and sells cars, he services cars regularly on the property.
2. Bangor lets the used car oil flow into/or he dumps into the creek, a serious environmental hazard and impact to Mill Creek.
3. Bangor also paints cars on his property and dumps waste into the creek.
4. Bangor has employees that he pays to work on cars on his property.
5. John McHale contacted the DEP and has an open case number. He said he would provide that to the EAC. <DEP Complaint is 360-705 filed 11/19/2021 and the name on the email or letter is Lisa Miller.>
6. Bangor has put up lots of fencing so people cannot see what he is up to.



7. Bangor has cut down trees on the adjoining Middletown Township parcel and/or within the riparian buffer adjacent to the creek so he could expand his shed/garage.
8. Mr. McHale said he and his wife have appeared before the ZHB twice (latest March 2022).
9. Mr. McHale said that township officials have visited the property as recently as 10/26.

PMK explained that the EAC is an advisory council to the Township with no enforcement capability. Kevin Deeny, who is an environmental engineer, asked some questions about the watercolor (of purples and greens) or the presence of a sheen, indicating oil has been dumped into the creek. The EAC plans a site visit the creek.

**Joe Leming:** Interested in planting native plants on township property. He will assist with tree planting on Nov 18-19 at Old Mill Woods off Bridgetown Pike entry.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approved 6-0

## Committee Reports

### Building and Subdivision Review:

**Peter Tantala:** no report

### Community Garden:

**Gerry Bender:**

The October 15, 2022 garden clean-up 9:30-11:30 was a success with 15 adults and 6 teens. The teens landscaped the front of the Senior Center.

Many gardeners came to clean up their own gardens and many volunteers assisted.

The next cleanup will be **April 15, 2023**.

Lowe's may contribute installation of materials.

New pictures and better advertising are needed inside the Community Center.



Water may be on the way for the garden. Paul is working on it.

### **Beautification Committee:**

#### **Lauren Lareau:**

The next park cleanup will be **April 22, 2023**.  
This will be advertised in both January and March township flyers.  
John suggested measuring pounds of trash to possibly apply for grant. He also suggested that Bristol-Oxford Valley Road segment (Sometimes referred to as Chicken Foot Road) be considered for cleanup.

### **Tree Planting:**

#### **John Lopuszanski:**

Planting in Old Mill on **November 18 and 19, 2022**: 30 trees. The township will dig preliminary holes. Joe suggested that the holes and trees be numbered for accurate planting.

### **Old Business:**

Speaker series: PECO on October 18, 2022 had a great turnout: 47 people.  
Paul commended the EAC on their topic selections.

### **Township Business/New Business:**

#### **Paul Kopera:**

Speaker series 10/18 PECO  
Earth Day **April 29, 2023**  
Holiday Open House **12/8**: Picture board will be made.



Free Electronics Recycling **November 5, 2022**. Oxford Valley Mall. 9-Noon.

- Tree Planting November 18 and 19: Old Mill Woods.
- Look for an email from Paul about the cleanup at Veteran's Park on November 8, 2022.
- Kevin suggested that signs be put up explaining the Meadow Project at the basin on Flint and Denbign Roads and any SW basin that is Naturalized as part of the MS4 program.
- The Pickle Ball courts by Community Garden might be finished by the end of this year.
- It was suggested that the Speaker Series be held in January and March: Kevin suggested that we visit sites that are doing composting and raingardens. January 31, 2023 and March 28, 2023, were suggested as dates for the series. Suggestions for the series were Native Plants and Rain Gardens. Announcement will be put into the P&R Winter Guide that mails to all households in MT. Lauren will secure the speakers for both lectures.

### **Motion for Adjournment:**

A motion for adjournment was moved and seconded. **The meeting ended at 8:30PM.**

The next meeting will be held at the Municipal Building on **November 30, 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).