



Meeting Minutes

Middletown Township Environmental Advisory Council

October 27, 2021 (via Zoom)

1. Roll Call & Introduction of Visitors

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

Visitors:

- Nick Valla - Assistant Township Manager
 - Introduction of East Stroudsburg students assisting with the CAP implementation. (Asia, Jennifer)
- Doug Longden - Resident adjacent to Core Creek Park (dlongden@munchre.com)
- Pat Ramirez - Resident and member of Pennswood Village Earth Care Committee (PatRamirez31@gmail.com)

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved 5-0: (X) w/o amendment () as amended

3. Public Comments

- Mr. Longden noted the inclusion of trail segments in a planned PennDOT upgrade of the intersection at Woodbourne and Langhorne-Yardley Roads and inquired about the possibility of extending and formalizing existing paths to complete a trail connection between the Main and Rear entry points to Core Creek Park.
 - Andy noted that Bucks County has identified trail development - particularly to link all portions of the park, in a project that has not yet been funded. He recommended contact at the county level to determine the status of that project.
 - Ms. Ramirez is seeking information related to the CAP implementation including specifics related to the Alternative Energy ordinance currently under development. (She has copies of both the CAP and the draft ordinance and is working her way through them.) She is also interested in knowing more about the Ready 100 program which is a defined CAP implementation element.



- Paul indicated that the draft Alternative Energy ordinance will be distributed to the EAC for comment and will be discussed at the November Council meeting.
- Lauren indicated that the Ready 100 program follows the Sierra Club framework and is intended to achieve 100% renewable energy use by 2050. She offered to point to available background information on the Ready 100 program.

4. Committee Reports

- Building & Subdivision Plan Reviews: Peter

A working meeting was held on 10/26/21 to review plans for the proposed new Pearl S. Buck Elementary School to be co-located on the Maple Point Middle School campus. Those in attendance included: Andy McAloon, Peter Tantala, John Lopuszanski, Kevin Deeny and Paul Kopera. Peter will prepare and submit review comments developed during the meeting. Overview points include:

- The development proposes 15.5 acres of earth disturbance on an existing 87+ acre lot.
- Impervious coverage will be increased from 14.42% to 21.66% (whereas 30% is the maximum permitted).

We discussed potential EAC comments pertaining to:

- None of the mandated protections are violated (woodlands, steep slopes, wetlands, watercourses, floodplain, etc.)
- Steep slope areas may be miscalculated/misrepresented
- Potential stormwater infiltration issues: poor infiltration test results, sediment trap atop infiltration area, subsurface infiltration coincident with pervious paving, etc.
- Critical evaluation of stormwater discharge areas in order to protect neighbors, wetlands, etc.
- Solicitation of PNDI report (PA Natural Diversity Inventory)
- Consideration of Green Building initiatives ('green ribbon' program, EV charging stations, solar, etc.)

- Garden Committee: Gerry

- The Fall cleanup of the Community Garden is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th, 9:30am - 11:30am. A flyer has been prepared to advertise the event.



- Features of other community gardens were discussed and contrasted with the Middletown Community Garden and it was generally agreed that the plots should be upgraded into boxed plots. A grant is being pursued for materials to support the creation of boxed plots. (See links below for Falls Township Community Garden.)
- Cindy Abell indicated that the Girl Scouts may be able to assist in their construction.
- It was also agreed that in order to increase interest in the use of the plots, availability should be open to all township residents.
- Tree Planting: John/Paul
 - Tree planting activities are currently planned for November 20th (9:30am - 11:30am) at the following locations:
 - Cobalt Ridge greenbelt (~ 15 trees)
 - Taryton Estates Park (~ 10 Trees)
 - Additional tree plant is planned for Twin Oaks Park which may occur prior to November 20th (~ 5 trees)
- Beautification Committee: Lauren
 - A clean-up of a segment of Bristol-Oxford Valley Road is scheduled for November 20th (8:30am - 10:30am). Participants will meet at the Walter Miller Elementary School for briefing and assignment.
- Township Information: Paul
 - (Included above)

5. Old Business

- Local Climate Action Plan Update
 - Nick Valla briefed on the availability of E. Stroudsburg students to support CAP activities. A proposed webinar series was discussed leading to the decision to start with the topic of Weatherization for the first webinar. Kevin will provide information related to prior activities on the subject. (See links below.)
 - Handouts/Informational Brochures/Flyers were discussed as a means to communicate information related to CAP activities to coincide with the Township Open House scheduled for December 9th.
- Neshaminy Idlewood Project Update
 - EAC members (Lauren, Andy, Kevin) participated in tree planting activities on 10/2, 10/9, and 10/16 during which approximately 100 mixed



species native trees were planted and caged in Idlewood adjacent to the Neshaminy High School (NHS). This effort is in support of a Growing Greener Grant Project managed by Jim Murray – the Environmental Action Advisor at NSH. Mr. Murry will provide a summary of activities in a subsequent email/posting on the project.

- November Day of Action Update
(Covered above with respect to Beautification/Tree Planting activities.)

6. New Business

- Interest has been expressed for an Electric Vehicle Charging station at the Bucks County Langhorne Library. Clarification is required regarding the potential Township involvement.

Next Meeting: Unless otherwise noted, all EAC meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month, at the Middletown Township Building at 6:30.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (via Zoom)

- **Motion for Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20pm and seconded.

Middletown Township EAC Members

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.



Links to Levittown weatherization related information.

[Microsoft Word - Residential Housing \(lavin-in-l-town.com\)](#)

[SlabLoss.pdf \(lavin-in-l-town.com\)](#)

[InsulationNotes.pdf \(lavin-in-l-town.com\)](#)

Links to Falls Township Garden Information

[Community Garden | Falls Township \(fallstwp.com\)](#)

[Garden Plot Application | Falls Township \(fallstwp.com\)](#)

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