



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
October 23, 2012
7:00pm**

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was held on October 23, 2012 in the Montgomery Township Municipal Building. The members of the EAC in attendance included: Beth Staab, Barry Baker, Jeff Gibbons, Jeanine Hurry, Ed Hoffman, Vere Archibald, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance was Stacy Crandell, Public Information Coordinator.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2012

Staff received prior corrections from Terry Wilson and they are included in the minutes presented at the meeting. Jeanine Hurry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 25, 2012 and Vere Archibald seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business

Meeting Schedule Changes- November 27, 2012 and December 25, 2012

Staff asked the committee about the November meeting time and also about whether to cancel or reschedule the December meeting. After some discussion, the November meeting will stay as scheduled and the December meeting will be cancelled.

Implementation Plan Summary- Sustainability Audit

The Committee discussed in detail the recommendations in the Sustainability Audit Implementation Plan Summary and what they would implement to achieve obtainable goals. Terry Wilson shared information about improving the walkability in the Township and connecting bike routes throughout the Township. After a brainstorming session, the Committee would like to pursue this initiative once they receive direction from management as to what is or is not feasible. Staff will discuss the issue with management and receive feedback to share with the Committee. Staff also will see if any other Township Committees should be involved in this project.

The Committee also went through some of the other implementation plan summary options:

- **Appoint a Township Sustainability Coordinator-** The Committee decided it was not feasible at this time to employ a separate person so the Committee appointed Staff Liaison, Stacy Crandell as the coordinator.
- **Initiate a sustainability campaign to provide information to the public-** The Committee decided that they can provide the green tips to the public and keep an archive of these tips on the website. Barry Baker suggested a website- <http://sustainablelafayette.net/residents/tips.html>. The Committee liked the way the information was presented. Beth Staab will send an email to the organization to ask permission to reproduce this information and giving them opportunity to have their website listed as a reference.
- **Initiate an energy conservation education campaign for staff-** The Committee will have Stacy Crandell post information around the Township Building regarding ways they can conserve energy, not only at the office but also at home.
- **Public Outreach Programs-** The Committee also discussed ideas they could host other programs like seminars (composting, energy, etc.) and also about having another poster contest for Earth Day. The Committee also talked about shredding events and if they should have more than one per year.

V. Old Business

Shirts for the Committee Update

Staff has received all sizes so the shirts will be ordered this week. The Committee will be contacted once they are ready.

Autumn Festival Feedback

The Committee thought Autumn Festival went really well. Staff commented on how great the Committee was in handing the grocery/leaf waste bags and information. Barry Baker and Vere Archibald stated that a lot of people asked about the Electronic Equipment Collection and Household Hazardous Waste. The Committee is going to research some other promotional options instead of the grocery bags. Beth Staab suggested handing out CFL Bulbs. She will look into the grant that the schools have received in order to provide them.

Green Tip of the Month

Beth Staab is going to look into seeing if they can use the website Barry Baker suggested (see New Business- Implementation Plan Summary- Sustainability Audit).

Shirts- Give-a-ways for future events

The Committee discussed having shirts as prizes for the poster contest along with saving bonds for the top winners.

During this discussion, the Committee discussed some ideas for ways to improve the Earth Day Event at the Mall including more demonstrations regarding rain gardens and composting. The Committee will look into some ideas and bring them to the next meeting. Staff suggested having a concrete plan for Earth Day by the January meeting.

Community Center

The Committee briefly discussed the status of the Community Center. Staff explained that it is still in the planning phase and more information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Next Meeting

The next EAC meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7PM.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:11pm. **The Committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00pm.**