



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory
Committee
February 23, 2021
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on February 23, 2021 virtually via TEAMS.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Don Hamp, Jeannie Hurry, Ryan Rex, Maureen Mirabella, and Terry Wilson. Also, in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager. Absent were members, Barry Baker and Emily Strake.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. once it was determined a quorum was present.

Annual Reorganization

Ryan Rex was nominated as Chairperson and approved unanimously. Don Hamp was nominated as Vice-Chair and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 01/26/21 meeting were approved.

New Business

Ms. McCreary updated the Committee on Township operations and advised she ordered the receptacles for used batteries which will be placed in the lobby of the Township building and the Community Recreation Center. She stated once they were in place she would publicize it on social media. Mr. Rex stated damaged batteries need to be handled differently and not comingled with used ones. Ms. Staab reported the Board of Supervisors approved a five-year agreement for electric generation which would come from 100% green sources. Ms. Staab stated this would also be good to publicize, as it something the Township can point to when encouraging residents to also do their part to save the planet.

Mr. Rex stated he is composing a summary of how the idea about battery recycling came together and was discussed by the EAC and implemented by the Township. The Committee discussed how best to get this information out to residents.wa

The Committee spoke about future communications, discussing content and scheduling. The Committee discussed writing blog posts and their frequency, along with sharing relevant information from other sources like the Penn State Extension and other EACs.

Ms. Hurry spoke about alternatives for using salt in the winter, citing a TED talk of a colleague she recently watched. It was suggested that a reminder could be sent out each winter alerting residents to safer alternatives to remove ice from walkways.

Mr. Hamp spoke about recycling junk mail and his search for ways to eliminate it from being delivered, noting some of the materials are not easily recyclable because of cellophane in window envelopes, materials used for postcard marketing, and ink used on printed publications. He also inquired about initiatives other communities are involved in, including community gardens and commercial composting and the Committee discussed.

Ms. Staab stated she would like to see ongoing messages going out about addressing the spotted lantern fly infestation, noting some remedies that are working better than others. The Committee agreed that this could be a series of communications starting in the near future even though people might not be thinking about this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.