



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory
Committee
September 28, 2021
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on September 28, 2021 at the Montgomery Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Ryan Rex (Chair), Don Hamp, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Derek Muller, Public Information Coordinator. Absent were members Barry Baker, Jeanine Hurry, Maureen Mirabella, and Emily Strake. The public consisted of Township resident Manus Dolan. The meeting was held without a quorum, and no motions were made.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the approval of the July 2021 minutes was postponed to the October 2021 meeting.

Public Comment

Township resident Manus Dolan expressed concern for the condition and maintenance of the stormwater basins near Knapp and North Wales Roads. The discussion continued into the "Stormwater Education" portion of New Business.

Old Business

- Ms. Staab shared that Montgomery Township Day was canceled, and there will be a Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat Experience on October 9th at William F. Maule Park @ Windlestrae from 2pm-4pm.
- Mr. Muller shared that to date, 159 lbs of batteries have been recycled through the recently established battery recycling program.

New Business

- **Stormwater Education**
 - A productive discussion was held to talk about how the EAC can educate residents on best practices to mitigate stormwater issues in the future. Hurricane Ida brought a "Thousand Year Storm" that surpasses the amount of water our current infrastructure is prepared to retain and drain.
 - One idea that came about included developing actionable steps for future blog and social media posts that help guide residents to help maintain stormwater on their own properties.
 - Another idea is to contact the Penn State Extension, the Wissahickon Watershed

Commission, and the Ambler EAC to schedule trainings and presentations in the future for the Committee and our residents.

- The EAC would also like to suggest to the Shade Tree Commission that they include native plant species in the annual Arbor Tree Giveaway.
- **Weatherization Presentation**
 - Mr. Rex briefly presented an educational PowerPoint about Weatherization to the EAC. This presentation will be presented as a webinar open to the public during the EAC meeting on October 26, 2021 @ 7pm.
- **WeConservePA 2022 EAC Symposium**
 - Mr. Hamp provided an update on a virtual summit he is helping to coordinate. He requested that any suggestions for guest speakers and sessions be shared with him. A further update will be provided as the Symposium draws closer.
- **Future Articles**
 - The EAC agreed to focus on Stormwater Education posts for the foreseeable future in the wake of Hurricane Ida. The goal is to help the Township's residents take action on the ground level to help prevent major damage in the event of another major storm.
- **EAC Webpage Discussion**
 - Due to time constraints, this discussion was short. Mr. Hamp inquired if it would be possible for the EAC to create a dedicated website similar to the Ambler EAC website. Mr. Muller said he would look into it and find out how their website is maintained.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Montgomery Township Building. A webinar link will be made public for the "Weatherization Summit."

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.