



**Montgomery Township  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
April 25, 2023  
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on April 25, 2023 at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Ryan Rex, Don Hamp, Linda Block-Love, Jonathan Katz, and Scott Hemmons. Also in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Derek Muller, Public Information Coordinator.

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2023**

- On a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Mr. Katz, the minutes from the March 21, 2023 EAC meeting were approved.

**New Business**

- **Review existing single-use plastic ban ordinances and develop a list of recommendations:** The EAC researched existing single-use plastic ban ordinances in PA municipalities and developed a list of recommendations, which are attached to these minutes. Mr. Rex will share these recommendations with the Board of Supervisors during the May 8, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- **EcoNews Review** – Mr. Muller stated he will send a draft of the EcoNews when it is available.
- **Hatfield Plant Exchange – idea to consider:** Ms. Staab shared information about Hatfield's Plant Exchange, and suggested Montgomery Township offer a similar program in conjunction with the existing Roy Rodriguez Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, which is coordinated by the Shade Tree Commission.

**Old Business**

**Other Business**

**Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

- There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.

**EAC Plastic Waste Reduction Ordinance Recommendations**

- Call it “Plastic Waste Reduction” Ordinance
- **Items to include:** Plastic bags, plastic straws, expanded polystyrene foam (i.e. Styrofoam)
  - Encourage plastic utensils to be given only upon request, but don’t ban them
  - Leave the conversation open to incorporate plastic utensils and plastic takeout containers in the future.
- **Charge for paper bags if customer does not bring a bag:** 15 cents per bag
  - Paper bags offered must be a minimum of 40% recycled paper
- **Violations:** Fees as described in the draft ordinance:
  - Warning
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense after warning: \$50
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: \$100
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and further offenses: \$200
- **Enforcement:** A complaint form may be created for citizens to report. The Township will deploy resources to investigate as appropriate.
- **Grace period to use remaining supply:** 6 months
- **Communication:**
  - Signage will be drafted that businesses will be required to post leading up to the ban
  - Education about alternative materials
  - Notice about Ordinance to businesses: Online social media, newsletter channels and direct mailing to businesses