



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

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

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Don Hamp, Linda Block-Love, Jonathan Katz, and Ryan Rex. 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 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2023

- On a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Mr. Katz, the minutes from the June 27, 2023 EAC meeting were approved with the following amendments:
 - **Include a bullet point:** The Committee agreed to research environmental initiatives in local municipalities and compile a document on Google Drive with ideas. These ideas will be reviewed at future meetings.

New Business

- **Review Single-Use Product Draft Ordinance**
 - The EAC reviewed the draft Single-Use Product (SUP) Reduction draft ordinance, written by the Township Solicitor. They read through the ordinance, making notes and recommendations.
 - The SUP Reduction Ordinance is slated to appear before the Board of Supervisors on August 14, 2023 at 7pm for authorization to advertise the potential adoption of the Ordinance. Members of the public and EAC may publicly comment on the item during the meeting.

Old Business

Other Business

- Mr. Katz pitched the idea of a bag swap at the Autumn Festival for an EAC activity
 - Reminder: Autumn Festival is on October 14th from Noon to 5pm!
- Mr. Katz posed the question of when the EAC should focus on adaption versus mitigation, as environmental problems such as flooding, water supply issues, air quality issues, food supply vulnerabilities, etc. are rising.
 - Ms. Staab discussed planting trees as a step toward the solution. She also mentioned the Ready for 100 initiative in Montgomery Township and noted that there has been positive progress in the environmental movement, even if it is slower than desired.
- Ms. Block-Love shared that she is trying to find a trash hauling company that does not require trash to be put into plastic bags. She also expressed concern about the multiple trash haulers that

drive around the Township, contributing to pollution. Furthermore, trash haulers sometimes drop trash and do not pick it up from the streets.

- Ms. Block-Love expressed concern about the unnecessary mowing of grass on Township property. Ms. Staab mentioned that the Township naturalized Township-owned basins about 15 years ago, and discussions about mowing are ongoing.
 - Education around planting native trees and plants and maintaining residential properties in environmentally-friendly ways is of interest to the EAC.

Public Comment on items not on the agenda

- There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM on a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Mr. Katz.

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.