



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
July 23, 2024
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on July 23, 2024 at the Township Administration Building.

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

Reorganization & Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2024

- The minutes from the June 25, 2024 EAC meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Mirabella and seconded by Mr. Hemmons.

New Business

- **Autumn Festival** – October 19, 2024, 12pm-5pm at William F. Maule Park at Windlstrae
 - Discussed ideas for Autumn Festival, including an interactive activity for the kids, reusable bags, and reusable straw giveaways.
 - Battery Recycling Update
 - Battery recycling is no longer collected at the Community & Recreation Center due to staff resources and an overwhelming amount of batteries. All battery recycling is collect at the Township Administration Building now.
 - Staff is waiting on updated data from Cirba Solutions to provide an accurate total impact to date.

Old Business

- **Native Lawn Initiative**
 - Discussed the creation of a meadow or garden area within a local park as a means to enhance biodiversity and serve as an educational resource. They plan to consult with local experts and review township policies to ensure the initiative aligns with land use and maintenance regulations.
 - Local experts will be contacted for guidance on establishing the meadow or garden, with the intention of incorporating native plants and creating a sustainable, low-maintenance environment that can serve as a model for community members.
- **Movie Screenings**

- Mr. Muller contacted Water Tower Cinema. Management is interested in hosting this event, and he will follow up.
- Discussed finding an expert on soil health to present actionable steps for attendees after the movie screening.
- **Star Gazing Event** – Research Townships who have held these events and ask for guidance.
- **Environmental Education: Blog Posts:**
 - Ms. Mirabella has shared a blog post, which is live at <https://monttwp.wordpress.com/environmental-advisory-committee/>
 - Discussed additional topic ideas, including recycling and saving money on electric bills.

Other Business

Public Comment on items not on the agenda

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The location is TBD based on identifying potential areas for pathway pollinators in parks.