Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
October 22, 2024
7:00 PM
Minutes

Montgomery Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on October 22, 2024 virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Maureen Mirabella, Scott Hemmons, Tim Miehle, 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 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2024
- The minutes from the July 23, 2024 EAC meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Mirabella and seconded by Ms. Block-Love.

New Business
- **2025 Meeting Schedule:** - Mr. Muller introduced the idea of reducing meetings to bi-monthly or quarterly to allow time to complete action items between meetings. Members decided to advertise monthly meetings for flexibility while planning to meet every other month unless additional sessions are needed.

Old Business
- **Native Lawn Initiative**
  - Ms. Mirabella shared observations from her meeting with Upper Dublin Township Parks and Recreation Director, Derek Dureka, highlighting their success in creating meadows and naturalized spaces, reducing mowing time, and saving resources.
  - Public education and aesthetic considerations were emphasized as key to the initiative's success.
  - Public Perception: Addressed potential challenges regarding aesthetics and complaints when naturalized spaces replace traditional lawns.
  - Discussed the need for Public Works staff buy-in to support environmental initiatives, highlighting the importance of training and communication.

- **Due to time constraints, there were no further discussion items.**
Other Business

Public Comment on items not on the agenda
There was no public comment.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building. A virtual option will be available.