



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory  
Committee  
January 26, 2021  
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on January 26, 2021 virtually via Zoom.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Don Hamp, Jeannie Hurry, Ryan Rex, Maureen Mirabella and Terry Wilson. Also, in attendance was Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager. Absent were members, Barry Baker, Emily Strake, and Board of Supervisors liaison, Beth Staab.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Approval of Minutes**

There was no formal meeting in December, so there were no minutes to approve.

**New Business**

Mr. Hamp provided an agenda with points for discussion in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Ryan made a presentation on single-use battery recycling and the Committee discussed the current availability for residents, as well as an education component that could be published utilizing the Township's social media platforms with more detailed information on the website. The Committee also discussed the possibility of the Township offering to serve as a collection point and sending the collected batteries to a company like Battery Solutions for proper recycling and disposal. Consensus was to have the Township determine the best location, possibly the Community Recreation Center lobby and then promote it to residents.

Ms. Mirabella updated the Committee on her research involving single-use plastic utensils in light of their increased distribution to take-out customer because of the ongoing pandemic. She noted she was particularly impressed with Firebirds restaurant and the sustainability section of their website. The Committee agreed that education is a key component to reducing their use not only for residents, but also the restaurant owners. Ms. Mirabella discussed the Township possibly recognizing environmentally-friendly restaurants within the Township in the future.

The Committee discussed ways to provide updates and newsworthy items and tips to residents. Ms. McCreary stated articles of interest could be provided to the Township and could be referenced on social media with a link taking a viewer to the original source. She also explained the process for contributing something to the weekly e-news and suggested the Committee may want to consider providing an EAC tip weekly which could become "Tuesday's Tip" from the EAC. The Committee also discussed preparing and maintaining a list of potential topics for e-news articles and who could compose them.

The Committee discussed the frequency of their meeting and consensus was they would like to meet monthly in 2021 and cancel a meeting if there was no new business or there would not be a quorum. Ms. McCreary stated that for the near future all Township advisory committee meetings will continue to be held virtually.

They also discussed the merit of adding members. Ms. McCreary stated she needed to check on how the committee was formed because if it was by ordinance the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize amending it.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 7:00 PM. The annual reorganization was not done, so it will need to be done at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.