



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

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on October 26, 2021 virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Ryan Rex (Chair), Don Hamp (Vice Chair), Barry Baker, Maureen Mirabella, and Terry Wilson. Also in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Derek Muller, Public Information Coordinator. Absent were members Emily Strake & Jeanine Hurry. The public consisted of Township resident Manus Dolan. Additional members of the public were present for the webinar portion, but did not remain for the regular meeting.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Webinar: Weatherization Summit**

- Mr. Rex presented the Weatherization Summit virtually via Microsoft Teams. This was publicly available, and 8 guests registered for the webinar.
  - The recording is available at <https://youtu.be/5kDgOyAq78s>
  - The recording and slides will be posted to the EAC webpage at <https://www.montgomerytp.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item&id=5266>

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Mr. Wilson, the minutes for the July 2021 and September 2021 EAC meetings were approved.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Old Business**

- **WeConservePA 2022 EAC Symposium**
  - Mr. Hamp provided an update on a virtual summit he is helping to coordinate.
  - Mr. Rex proposed presenting about the battery recycling program for the Symposium.
- **Battery Recycling**
  - Mr. Muller shared that to date, 159 lbs of batteries have been recycled through the recently established battery recycling program. Two additional buckets have been sent for recycling, and an updated number will be provided at the next meeting.
  - As we approach the Holidays, battery recycling will be shared again on social media and in the E-News.
  - The EAC celebrated the success of the battery recycling program as a victory.

- **EAC Webpage Discussion**

- A brief discussion about website information was held. It is the opinion of the EAC that it is difficult to find their information on the main Montgomery Township website. This will be a focus of the November agenda.

## **New Business**

- **Shredding Event**
  - Mr. Muller shared that volunteers are greatly appreciated at the Shredding Event this coming Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11am at William F. Maule Park @ Windlestrae.
- **Future areas of focus**
  - A discussion regarding how to best organize the EAC's areas of focus was held. There are many topics that members are passionate about, and the next few meetings will be dedicated to aligning priorities
    - Topics of significant interest include meadows, which are not currently permitted by Township Ordinance, and stormwater management.
- Following a discussion about shade trees as an additional area of interest, Ms. Staab informed the EAC about the current initiative to replace dead shade trees by the Shade Tree Commission, Planning & Zoning Department, and Public Works Department.
- A brief discussion regarding membership was held, which will be continued in November.
  - The discussion included engaging residents beyond the "core" of the EAC to help achieve their goals.
- **November agenda**
  - The EAC set three topics for the November agenda: stormwater management, the website, and membership.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. virtually via Microsoft Teams. The link will be posted to the website and emailed to EAC members prior to the meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.