



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory  
Committee  
February 22, 2022  
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on February 22, 2022 at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Ryan Rex (Chair), Maureen Mirabella (Vice Chair), Terry Wilson, Catherine Mazzie, and Jonathan Katz. Also in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Derek Muller, Public Information Coordinator. One resident attended the meeting as the public.

### **Regular Meeting**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

#### **Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2022**

- On a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Ms. Mirabella, the minutes from the January 25, 2022 EAC meeting were approved.

#### **Public Comment**

- Ms. Staab addressed an email that was sent to the EAC regarding PFAS and other health and public safety concerns in relation to a proposed turf field at William F. Maule Park @ Windlestrae. She clarified the current progress of this proposal: As part of the 2022 adopted budget, the Board of Supervisors included \$10,000 for a feasibility study regarding the installation of turf fields at Windlestrae Park. No further activity has been done at this time. The next steps will involve preparing the scope of the work, identifying firms, and soliciting quotes for the study.

#### **New Business**

#### **Updated EAC Bylaws**

- Mr. Muller distributed the 2022 EAC Bylaws. EAC members were asked to review the document and sign the acknowledgement forms.

#### **Review of EAC Chair Letter**

- Mr. Rex shared his letter stating EAC accomplishments in 2021 and setting goals for 2022 that will be shared on the website, in the Community News, and on other Township communication channels. Minor revisions were suggested by the EAC.

#### **Review of Proposed 2022 Schedule**

- Mr. Rex shared his proposed 2022 schedule detailing the timeline of sharing information and planning events for the EAC. It provided clear goals for the EAC, and will continue to be referenced throughout the year.

### **2022 Topics of Focus**

- A discussion regarding engaging environmental educational nonprofit organizations to achieve the EAC's goals of educating residents about important issues was held. A priority is to coordinate a rain garden educational session and tutorial to share with residents.
- Ms. Mazzie shared an opportunity through the Penn State Extension regarding homeowners managing streams on their property. Information on this program can be found at [Backyard Stream Repair Series \(psu.edu\)](https://psu.edu/backyard-stream-repair-series)
- Additional areas of focus that were discussed included:
  - Mowing best practices
  - Recycling in Montgomery Township (educational materials)
  - Local Native Plant Sales

### **Old Business**

#### **WeConservePA EAC Virtual Conference**

- Several members of the EAC will be attending the conference on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rex will be presenting. It was also noted that Mr. Hamp is a co-organizer of the virtual event.

#### **Website and Blog Content**

- Mr. Muller shared an idea for a focused environmental newsletter that residents can opt-in to receive if they are interested. Content would be provided by the EAC prior to being formatted and sent by the Public Information Office.
- Ms. Mirabella noted the traffic increase to the EAC webpage on montgomerytwp.org and suggested continuing to drive traffic there through social media posts and newsletters.

**Electronic Recycling April 23rd 9am-Noon – Volunteers Needed** – Several EAC members shared their availability to volunteer for an Electronic Recycling event at William F. Maule Park @ Windlestrae from 9am-Noon on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Battery Recycling Update**

- Mr. Muller shared that as of January 28, 2022 a total of 390 lbs had been recycled in Montgomery Township. The battery recycling program began in Spring 2021. Since that latest report from Battery Solutions, at least two more buckets were filled and shipped, and the bins are already full since that collection.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

