



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory
Committee
June 28, 2022
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on June 28, 2022 at the Township Administration Building.

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

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2022

- On a motion by Mr. Rex and a second by Ms. Mirabella, the minutes from the May 24, 2022 EAC meeting were approved.

New Business

- **New Member Introduction – Alicia Sasso**
 - Alicia Sasso introduced herself to the EAC. She previously served on the Autumn Festival Committee and is excited to join the EAC.
- **Rain Garden and Native Plants Event Recap**
 - The Rain Garden and Native Plant presentation event on June 22 was a success. 20 residents of Montgomery Township attended. A lot of information was shared, and the full presentation and resources can be found at the link below.
 - <https://www.montgomerytpw.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item&id=5577>

Old Business

- **Battery Recycling Update**
 - Mr. Rex shared that since the battery recycling program began in Spring 2021, the Township and EAC have recycled 785 pounds of single-use batteries. The total is as of June 9, 2022.
- **Communication Update**
 - The EAC reviewed upcoming articles and Tuesday Tips for social media.
 - The next edition of EcoNews is scheduled to be sent in July.
 - Mr. Muller shared that the Township's website revamp kicks off in early July. He recommended examining the content of the website at next month's EAC meeting so that the materials shared are up-to-date with the EAC's goals.

Public Comment

- Township Resident, Hope Grosse, expressed concerns about children and residents swimming in the Little Neshaminy Creek at Windlestrae Park. She shared the results of a test that another resident conducted using a sample from the creek. Ms. Grosse suggested the EAC and Township consider posting “No Swimming” signs at Windlestrae and/or educational material in their communication channels advising residents to not swim in the creek due to health risks.
 - It was noted the creek is a waterway not controlled by Montgomery Township, the Township solicitor’s input will be needed to determine if the Township has any authority to do something like this.

Other Business

- **Mowing in Montgomery Township** – Ms. Staab stated that she approached the conversation of reevaluating the public Township properties where Public Works mows the grass. This is to follow-up on previous discussions of reducing mowing and encouraging more natural meadows in Montgomery Township, so long as it remains in compliance with existing ordinances.
- **Enviroscape Demonstration** – Ms. Staab demonstrated the Enviroscape, a hands-on visual educational tool to teach children and residents about the effects of stormwater runoff. The Committee expressed interest in having it as an activity at their Autumn Festival table.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.