



**Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
June 27, 2023
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on June 27, 2023 at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Don Hamp, Linda Block-Love, Jonathan Katz, Maureen Mirabella, and Ryan Rex. Also in attendance was Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm.

Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2023

- On a motion by Ms. Mirabella and a second by Mr. Katz, the minutes from the May 23, 2023 EAC meeting were approved.

New Business

- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Ryan Rex asked to discuss an idea to focus on for 2024 - light and noise pollution. Could we ask the Township and residents to have 3 hours a month where all lights go off for stargazing purposes one night each month. Maureen added that noise pollution directly relates to landscaping and yard services.
 - Linda Block-Love suggested that we focus on Lawn issues: increasing meadows and native plants and reducing chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Current township ordinances need to be examined and consider alteration to allow for the emerging information on responsible turf management and consider incentives or highlighting best practices with help from Penn State Extension and other municipalities.
 - The Committee agreed to research environmental initiatives in local municipalities and compile a document on Google Drive with ideas. These ideas will be reviewed at future meetings.

Old Business

- **Plastic Waste Reduction Ordinance** is still being drafted and finalized. Status has been requested so EAC members can review and begin planning education and planning for residents and businesses as described in previous meeting, including outreach at Autumn Fest.
- **Rain Barrel Workshop** discussion tabled until 2024 to go along with Lawn Management focus.

Other Business

Mr. Hamp is concerned that street trees are being cut down and not being replaced. This issue falls under Shade Tree Committee and their July meeting on 7/19/23 at 7:30pm. EAC members may attend as concerned residents, make public comments, and learn more about the process and enforcement options in Montgomery Township as compared to other local municipalities.

Public Comment on items not on the agenda

- There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Ms. Mirabella and a second by Mr. Katz.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25th, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.