



**Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory
Committee
April 26, 2022
7:00 PM**

Montgomery Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on April 26, 2022 at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Maureen Mirabella (Vice-Chair), Don Hamp, Terry Wilson, and Jonathan Katz. Also in attendance were Beth Staab, Board of Supervisors liaison, and Derek Muller, Public Information Coordinator.

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2022

- On a motion by Ms. Mirabella and a second by Mr. Hamp, the minutes from the March 22, 2022 EAC meeting were approved.

New Business

- **Rain Garden Event – June 22, 2022 @ 7pm – Mont CRC**
 - Ms. Staab shared that Leslie Bass from the Penn State Extension and Madge Monser from the Ambler EAC will present at this educational event that will be open to the public.

Old Business

- **Electronic Recycling Recap**
 - Mr. Muller shared that 15,795 lbs of e-waste were collected and recycled at the Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, April 23rd. Over a 6-year period, a total of 129,912 lbs of e-waste has been recycled through these events in Montgomery Township.
 - Mr. Hamp expressed interest in expanding the event or putting together a separate event focused on environmental activities, education, and vendors. The EAC recommended he organize his ideas into a document and share them at a future meeting.
 - A discussion about purchasing an EAC table cover or banner for public events was held.
- **Composting Resources**
 - The EAC will continue to seek local composting events and resources to share with residents.

- **Communication**
 - Tips/Post Calendar
 - Ms. Mirabella and Mr. Katz presented the calendar of events they have been working on. Its purpose is to create a cycle of blog posts and social media tips that guide information that can be shared annually during the appropriate seasons.
 - A discussion about resources to share on the EAC webpage was held. Mr. Muller informed the EAC that there is a proposed website redesign on the agenda of the May 9th Board of Supervisors meeting, and this would be a good discussion to have following its approval.
 - Township Communication Channels Outline
 - Mr. Muller compiled an outline detailing the uses of each communication channel and how it relates to the dissemination of EAC information. This will be emailed to the EAC with the minutes.
 - A proposed environmental newsletter that serves as a recap of social media tips and a blog post was discussed. All content would be provided by the EAC and be organized into a newsletter format by the Public Information Office. There are other environmentally-minded committees in the Township that may be interested in contributing to the newsletter.
- **Battery Recycling Update** – To date, Montgomery Township has collected 653lbs of batteries to be recycled since Summer 2021.

Other Business

- **Single-Use Plastic Coalition**
 - Mr. Hamp expressed interest in exploring methods to survey businesses about their use of plastic bags. He shared that other municipalities have instituted ordinances banning single-use plastic bags in retail. Mr. Hamp requested that the EAC consider presenting this issue to the Board of Supervisors. The EAC recommended that Mr. Hamp put together a brief presentation of how other municipalities navigated the issue. The general consensus was to educate residents about the harmfulness of single-use plastic bags.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 7:00 pm at the Township Administration Building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.