Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
February 24, 2026
7:00 PM

Montgomery Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Scott Hemmons, Andy Mehrota, Maureen Mirabella, Jonathan Katz, Jamie Pizzi, and Donald Hamp

Staff members in attendance included: Carolyn McCreary (Township Manager) and Ava Komasz (Interim Community Engagement Manager)

Reorganization Meeting

- **Call to Order –** The reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- Introduction of Ava Komasz, Interim Community Engagement Manager, to the group as the EAC liaison.
- **Appointment of Environmental Advisory Committee Chair for 2026 –** Members of the EAC unanimously approved Jonathan Katz as the 2026 EAC Chair.
- **Appointment of Environmental Advisory Committee Vice-Chair for 2026 –** Members of the EAC unanimously approved Scott Hemmons as the 2026 EAC Vice-Chair.
- **Adjournment** – The reorganization meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Regular Meeting

- **Call to Order –** The regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes – November 25, 2025 –** On a motion by Mr. Katz and a second by Mr. Hemmons, the November 25, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment**
    a. Commissioner Martin Miller from West Norriton was present at the meeting to learn from our EAC. Will exchange content information.
- **New Business**
    a. **Proposed Ordinance Amendment – Feeding of Wild Animals**
        - A resident contacted the Township concerned about a neighbor feeding deer. The Board of Supervisors and Staff discussed a potential ordinance but deemed it too difficult to enforce. Instead of enforcement, the Township is choosing to educate the public on the dangers of feeding wildlife.
    b. Compost Management in the Township
        - When discussing feeding wildlife, there were concerns about composting. There have been no composting complaints during Ms. McCreary's tenure

as Township Manager. No action is needed as composting is already addressed in the Township Code.

- **Old/Other Business**
  - **a. Journeywork Update**
    - Journeywork's Residential Pollinator Plant Program was a great success with residents asking for additional opportunities to learn more. Two educational meetings were hosted by Journeywork at the Community and Recreation Center. After attending the meeting, residents are able to get their pollinator plants in the spring. The EAC discussed potential future meetings and ongoing communication such as email education, or a livestreamed session. Ms. Pizzi offered to take photos of residents picking up their plants to send to Journeywork. For the remaining pollinator plants, a post will be shared on Township social media asking people to reach out to generalinfo@montgomerytwp.org if they are interested. Residents must prove their sites are adequately prepared.
  - b. **Naturalization Initiative Event and Presentation to Board of Supervisors**
    - In 2025, the EAC worked to put together a Naturalization Initiative that included three naturalized sites in the township including two no-mow zones and one native meadow. The first step is to create a meadow at Memorial Grove. Chair Katz did research on vendors to assist with the initiative and will provide a list to Ms. McCreary. Discussions will be had with the Public Works Director, Greg Reiff, about reducing mowing. The EAC discussed possible partnership and sponsorship opportunities with landscapers and local businesses to support this initiative. This could help offset some of the cost to the Township and create volunteer and educational opportunities. Ms. Mehrotra will reach out to the ENACT Club at North Penn High School to see if they are interested in being involved. The goal is to start the Memorial Grove Meadow project in 2026. Related to this conversation, alternatives to traditional fertilizers were discussed as better options for the environment.
    - West Norriton Commissioner Miller talked about his own community's EAC and Public Works Department working together to plant a pollinator garden in Fall 2025.
  - **c. Volunteerism and Contacting the EAC**
    - Potential options for recruiting and assigning volunteers to assist in the initiative include signage, SignUpGenius, event tabling, general interest checkboxes, and social media advertising. EAC asked Ms. Komasz to add a "Contact the EAC" button to the EAC webpage on the Township website. This button will mailto:generalinfo@montgomerytwp.org

d. EAC Communications
    - The EAC discussed using Slack to communicate between members. Ms. McCreary and Ms. Komasz expressed IT concerns and will consult with the Director of IT, Rich Grier.

- **Adjournment –** The regular meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
    a. The next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Administration Building. A virtual option will be available.