Montgomery Township
Environmental Advisory Committee
May 26, 2026
6:00 PM

Montgomery Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) met on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Township Administration Building.

The members of the EAC in attendance included: Jamie Pizzi, Scott Hemmons, Maureen Mirabella, and Jonathan Katz.

Vice Chairwoman, Beth Staab was in attendance as the Board Liaison. Staff member, Ava Komasz, Interim Community Engagement Manager, was in attendance to take minutes.

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to order –** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2026 –** On a motion by Mr. Katz and a second by Ms. Mirabella, the minutes of the April 28, 2026, meeting were approved.
- **Public Comment**
    - There was no public comment
- **New Business**
    - **Define 2026/27 Projects + Resident Engagement Plan**
        i. Mr. Katz said he reviewed Mr. Hemmons' presentation prior to the meeting and believes it aligns with the EAC's goals. Ms. Mirabella suggested adding a passive activity, such as bird watching, to the EAC's list of events. Mr. Hemmons briefly presented his ideas to the group as a refresher.
        ii. Ms. Mirabella, Mr. Katz, and Mr. Hemmons were interested in bringing back regular public communications in both long and short form. A draft EAC Communications Plan was included in Mr. Hemmons' presentation. Ms. Pizzi volunteered to be the primary communications leader for the EAC. Ms. Mirabella asked about length and formatting of communications content. Ms. Komasz explained that if varied based on the medium. Weekly e-news, which goes out every Friday, can have a longer narrative but the e-news often has a lot of content already. All content for the e-news would have to be sent to Ms. Komasz, by 2 p.m. on the Friday the e-news will be sent. Social media is more visual with short captions. The website is almost entirely narrative based, but directing residents to the website can be a challenge. Mr. Hemmons and Ms. Mirabella agreed that the content can be a combination of evergreen, re-used, and old content. The group agreed that content topics should align with Mr. Hemmons' Communication Plan. Ms. Mirabella and Ms. Staab

believe EAC communications should be proactive rather than reactive. Ms. Komasz informed the group about the WCAG Digital Accessibility Requirements which will impact content creation going forward.

iii. Mr. Katz will work on the letter from the EAC Chair to talk about the EAC's accomplishments so far.

iv. Mr. Katz will coordinate with Ms. Mehrotra about creating a pollinator plant blog post and taking an image for social media which will be reviewed by Ms. Pizzi and Ms. Komasz before posting in June. Ms. Mirabella suggested talking about native pollinator plants earlier next year. Ms. Pizzi suggested a photo collage of resident photos of pollinator plants.

v. The theme for the rest of the year is naturalization. Topics for the next three months year are Native Plants in June, Slow Mow/No Mow in July, and Naturalization in August. Other topics will be discussed at a future meeting. One idea for the fall is how to identify invasive trees and what to do about them.

- **Website Ideas**
  i. Mr. Hemmons is working on some ideas for the website and believes upcoming blog posts should be at the forefront. Since the Township website is being updated, the EAC still has time to generate ideas for the website, but digital accessibility will have to be considered.

- **Old Business**
  - **Meadow landscaping at Memorial Grove Park.**
    i. This agenda item was postponed to June 23 meeting.
  - **Volunteer Opportunities**
    i. Review Maureen Mirabella's list
    - Agenda item postponed to June 23 meeting.

    ii. Review Scott Hemmon's mockup
    - Agenda item postponed to June 23 meeting.

- **Other Business**
  - There was no other business.
- **Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Administration Building. A virtual option will be available.