

**Environmental Commission &
Sustainable Montgomery Subcommittee Agenda
March 5, 2024**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers.

Environmental Commission Attendance:

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| () Mary Reece, Member | () Kathy Lynch, Alt. 1 |
| () Susann Brown, Member | () Ratna Revankar, Alt. 2 |
| () Frank Derby, Member | () Brian Zinn, Advisor |
| () Michelle Jacob, Member | () Sahana Karthik, YLC |
| () Greg Kaganowicz, Member | () Maahi Sethi, YLC |
| () Yasmin Reyes, Member | () Devra Keenan, TC liaison |
| () Sarah Roberts, Member | |

Additional Sustainable Montgomery Subcommittee Advisors

- () Thuy Anh Le
- () Lauren Wasilauski

Guests:

Agenda Items

- Lenape Land Acknowledgement
“We gather today on the land of the Lenni Lenape. As we meet in Montgomery Township, let’s aspire to show appreciation, respect, and concern for all peoples and our environment. We honor the Lenape and other Indigenous caretakers of these lands and waters, the elders who lived here before, the Indigenous today, and the generations to come.”
- Membership update
- Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2023
 - Motion _____ Second _____
 - All in favor: _____ Opposed: _____
- Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2024
 - Motion _____ Second _____
 - All in favor: _____ Opposed: _____
- Public Comment
- Tree Ordinance – draft (*State deadline to adopt: 5/1/2024*)
 - Draft recommended tree list – under review by Shade Tree
 - Tentative schedule (subject to change):
 - March 27: Town Hall meeting

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- April 4: Township Committee introduction
- April 8: Planning Board hearing
- April 18: Township Committee public hearing

- Stream Cleanup – April 13 – Mill Pond Park

- Earth Day 2024 – April 21
 - Run with Rotary April 28
 - No shredder available 4/21

- Sustainable Jersey
 - February 25: first round submission due
 - 500+ points uploaded
 - May 10: second round submission due
 - July 31: third/final submission due

- New Municipal Center – green initiatives
 - Solar
 - EV charging stations
 - Rain garden
 - Maintenance of lawn & field areas
 - Detention basins
 - Maintaining existing trees & shrubs; planting new trees
 - River Friendly certification

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- Composting

- Grants
 - 2023 Urban & Community Forestry grant
 - Funding awarded to conduct tree inventory/evaluation (street & park trees)
 - 2022 DEP Stormwater grant
 - Applied to retrofit 2 basins: Catbriar Court & Red Fox Court
 - Selected as grant recipient, awaiting more details from DEP
 - 2024 Sustainable Jersey grant – due 2/9
 - Requested funding for Watershed Inventory Report (part of new MS4 requirements)

- Site Plan Reviews
 - BA-04-23: Renard Management LLC (Block 29002 Lots 49 & 50)

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- BA-07-23: Bedens Brook Club
- BA-08-23: Michael & Jeanine Reilly
- PB-01-24: RPM Development, LLC

- Correspondence

- Old / New Business
 - Deer management
 - End-of-year surveys due 3/8
 - Film series collaboration with Franklin EC
 - “Kiss the Ground”
 - “American River” not available until late this year/early 2024
 - Host in Montgomery
 - Microhabitat for pollinators – Jim Bushong

- Upcoming Events
 - April 12: Arbor Day planting, Orchard Road triangle
 - April 13: Stream Cleanup, Mill Pond Park, 9-11AM
 - **April 21**: Earth Day
 - April 28: Run with Rotary
 - May 4: Spring Fling
 - June 1: Trails Day

Upcoming meetings: April 2, May 7