

**Environmental Commission &
Sustainable Montgomery Subcommittee Agenda
October 17, 2023**

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.”

- Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2023
 - Motion _____ Second _____
 - All in favor: _____ Opposed: _____

- Public Comment

- AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador – Claire Paul

- 2024 budget request
 - Due October 20 – submitted

- Lenape Land Acknowledgement
 - Actions to accompany acknowledgement

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- Tree Ordinance
 - draft

- Earth Day 2024 – date?
 - Run with Rotary April 28

- 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
 - 2022 DEP Stormwater grant
 - Applied to retrofit 2 basins: Catbriar Court & Red Fox Court
 - Selected as grant recipient, awaiting more details from DEP

- Site Plan Reviews
 - PB-03-23: Harlingen Associates (block 6001 lots 33, 34, 34.01, 35, 35.01, 36)
 - PB-06-23: Sharbell (Block 28009 Lots 1, 2 & 3)

- Correspondence
 - Notice of application for NJDEP General Permit-by-Certification 5 for Bedens Brook Club (Block 31001 Lots 38 & 39) for relocation & expansion of existing pump station, dated 7/25/2023
 - Fall 2023 ANJEC Report

- Old / New Business
 - Deer management
 - Season started 9/9/2023; 53 deer harvested so far (22 donated)
 - Detention basin at Estates at Montgomery
 - Stormwater Ordinance
 - Film series collaboration with Franklin EC
 - “Kiss the Ground” – November
 - “American River” not available until late this year/early 2024

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- Host in Montgomery

- Upcoming Events

- October 22: Build Your Own Scarecrow, Montgomery Veterans Park, 3-5pm
- October 27-29: Return to Art
- October 28: Howl-O-Ween at the Farmers Market, 9-12
- October 28: Trunk or Treat, Montgomery High School, 4-6PM
- November 1-17: Halloween Candy Donation drop-off for Operation Shoebox NJ, OKCC
- November 4: Central Jersey Regional Environmental Commission Meeting, Somerville Civic Center, 9:30-11:30AM (pre-register by 10/31)

Upcoming meetings: November 21 (zoom)