

**Environmental Commission &  
Sustainable Montgomery Subcommittee Agenda  
February 6, 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                 |
| ( <del>—</del> ) Susann Brown, Member   | ( <del>—</del> ) Ratna Revankar, Alt. 2 |
| ( ) Frank Derby, Member                 | ( ) Brian Zinn, Advisor                 |
| ( <del>—</del> ) 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 Leni 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.”
- Sign Oaths of Office / provide updates to contact information
- Election of Environmental Commission member as Chairperson (to be confirmed by Mayor)
  - Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Election of Environmental Commission member to Site Plan Subdivision Committee  
*(can’t be Sarah Roberts, because it would create a quorum of Planning Board)*
  - Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Election of Environmental Commission member to Master Plan Committee  
*(can’t be Sarah Roberts, because it would create a quorum of Planning Board)*
  - Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Election of Environmental Commission member to Open Space Committee
  - Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Appointment to Sewer Committee
  - Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ ; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2023
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2023
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Public Comment
  
  
- 2024 meeting schedule – draft
  - In-person or virtual?
  
  
- Renewal notice for ANJEC membership
  - Membership for 7 members = \$425 (includes webinars, workshops, etc.)
  
  - Vote whether or not to renew membership
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
- Tree Ordinance - draft
  - Tentative schedule (subject to change):
    - 12/7: staff presentation at Township Committee
    - Working on publicity/outreach
    - State deadline to adopt: May 1
  
  
- Stream Cleanup – April 13
  - Location?
  
  
- Earth Day 2024 – April 21
  - Run with Rotary April 28
  - Checking on senior apt. construction schedule at Municipal Complex property

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- Sustainable Jersey
  - February 25: first round submission due
  - May 10: second round submission due
  - July 31: third/final submission due
  - To date: 440 points uploaded
  - Estimated number of 2023 EDF attendees: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Estimated number of 2023 stream cleanup attendees: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Education & Outreach events: Stream Cleanup, Trails Day, pedestrian safety campaign
  
- 2023 Annual Report – draft
  - Needed for Sustainable Jersey points
  
- 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
  
- Electric School Buses
  
- River Friendly
  
- 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
  - 2024 Sustainable Jersey grant – due 2/9
    - Requesting funding for Watershed Inventory Report (part of new MS4 requirements)
  
- Site Plan Reviews
  - PB-07-23: Malvern School (Block 28010 Lots 57 & 58)
  - BA-04-23: Renard Management LLC (Block 29002 Lots 49 & 50)
  - PB-08-23: Carrier Clinic (Block 2001 Lot 2 and Block 1001 Lot 14.02)

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- Correspondence
  - Notice of application for extension of flood hazard area individual permit for maintenance of existing PSE&G rights-of-way, dated 1/2/2024
  
- Old / New Business
  - Deer management
    - Harvest as of 2/6/2024: 181 with 67 donated
  - Detention basin at Estates at Montgomery
  - Stormwater Ordinance
  - 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 13: Stream Cleanup, location: TBD, 9-11AM
  - April 21: Earth Day

**Upcoming meetings: March 5**