

**Environmental Commission &  
Sustainable Montgomery Subcommittee Agenda  
April 16, 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      | ( ) Ratna Revankar, Alt. 1   |
| ( ) Susann Brown, Member    | ( ) Jim Bushong, Alt. 2      |
| ( ) Frank Derby, Member     | ( ) Brian Zinn, Advisor      |
| ( ) Michelle Jacob, Member  | ( ) Sahana Karthik, YLC      |
| ( ) Greg Kaganowicz, Member | ( ) Maahi Sethi, YLC         |
| ( ) Kathy Lynch, 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 – February 6, 2024
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2024
  - Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_
  - All in favor: \_\_\_\_\_ Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Comment
- Proposed lights at Mill Pond soccer fields
- Tree Ordinance – draft (*State deadline to adopt: 5/1/2024*)
  - Draft recommended tree list – under review by Shade Tree
  - Tentative schedule:

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- March 27: Town Hall meeting
- April 4: Township Committee introduction
- April 8: Planning Board hearing
- April 18: Township Committee public hearing
- Stream Cleanup – April 13 – Mill Pond Park
  - 80 participants; 886lbs of trash
- Earth Day 2024 – May 5
  - Divya Bharadwaj
- 2023 Environmental Awards
  - Climate Change & Clean Air
  - Water Resources
  - Healthy Ecosystems & Habitats
  - Landowner of the Year:
  - Healthy & Sustainable Business
- Sustainable Jersey
  - February 25: first round submission due
    - 500+ points uploaded
    - 4/4/2024: 1<sup>st</sup> round reviewer comments received (revisions flagged for 16 items)
  - May 10: second round submission due
  - July 31: third/final submission due
- New Municipal Center – green initiatives – next meeting 5/15
  - 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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  - April 18 (1PM): High School certification event
- Composting

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- 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)
- Single Use Paper, Plastic and Polystyrene: proposed new rules: [N.J.A.C. 7:26L](#)
  - EXTENSIONS GRANTED (to May 4, 2025):
    - meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat, including poultry, or fish that is sold from a refrigerator or similar retail appliance
    - any food product pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a polystyrene foam food service product
  - EXTENSIONS NOT GRANTED (*The Department did not extend these exemptions because there are cost-effective and readily available alternatives.*)
    - disposable, long-handled polystyrene foam soda spoons when required and used for thick drinks
    - portion cups of two ounces or less, if used for hot foods or foods requiring lids
  - NEW PROPOSED ADDITIONS:
    - polystyrene foam food service products used for the health or safety of patients and residents used in hospitals, nursing homes, and correctional facilities to the exemption list
  - Penalties/enforcement provisions established
- Microhabitat for pollinators – Jim Bushong
- Site Plan Reviews
- Correspondence
  - Notice of Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application for Pike Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade & expansion project, dated 3/5/2024
  - Sourland Journal, Spring edition
- Old / New Business
  - Deer management
    - 2023-2024 season total: 216 (192 antlerless + 24 antlered); 72 donated

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Harvest</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	192
<b>2015-16</b>	163
<b>2016-17</b>	164
<b>2017-18</b>	174
<b>2018-19</b>	214
<b>2019-2020</b>	218
<b>2020-2021</b>	286
<b>2021-2022</b>	252
<b>2022-2023</b>	251
<b>2023-2024</b>	216

- Film series collaboration with Franklin EC
  - “Kiss the Ground”
  - “American River” not available until late this year/early 2024
  - Host in Montgomery
- Upcoming Events
  - April 12: Arbor Day planting, Orchard Road triangle
  - April 13: Stream Cleanup, Mill Pond Park, 9-11AM
  - April 18: High School River Friendly sign unveiling, 1PM
  - April 28: Run with Rotary
  - May 4: Spring Fling
  - May 5: Earth Day Fair
  - June 1: Trails Day

**Upcoming meetings: May 7, June 4**