

# Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers.

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly

**Facilitator:** Suzanne Aptman(Co-Chair),

**Note Taker:** Suzanne Aptman

**Commissioners:** , Ben Rich (Co-Chair),

Keith Brodock, Bill Martens, Mac

Carbonnell, Imke Oster

**Alternate Commissioner:** Gray Russell

**Excused:** Janine Salvador

**Township Liaison:** Lisa Johnson

**Township Council Liaisons:** Lori Price-

Abrams, Councillor; Sean Spiller, Mayor

**Call the meeting to order: Time** \_\_\_\_\_

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published on the Montclair Township website, Montclair Local annually, and MEC website.

**7:30 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions** - Suzanne Aptman

**7:31 - Approval January 2023 Minutes** - Suzanne Aptman

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**7:35 - Reports/Updates** (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- By laws: Ben suggested some ideas to consider.
- Tree Ordinance: Working group, Suzanne, Imke, Mac, is formulating a proposal for a stronger ordinance.
- Artificial Turf: Discussed possibility of forwarding recommendation to Council to prohibit use of artificial turf on Montclair public spaces.
- Nishuane Park upgrade: MEC supports the grant. If grant received, MEC will recommend sustainable product is used when the playground surface is upgraded.
- Manager letter: Suzanne will draft a letter regarding hiring
- [Conservation Element](#) of the Master Plan Update: Working group, Keith (coordinating), Gray, Suzanne, to formulate recommendations.
- Climate Action Plan: Education Committee is reviewing the plan
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**Adjournment 8:30 Next Meeting: March 6, 2024 at 7:30pm**

Upcoming Local Environmental Events:

- NEEC conference April 6
- NEEC Earth Day, April 21
- NEEC Eco Fair May 25