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

Yea=___4___, Nay=___, Abstain=___

**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

**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