

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Draft Minutes
March 6, 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting at the Municipal Building in the Council Chambers.

Call the meeting to order: Time: 7:40pm

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, MEC website.

7:40pm - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions

7:41pm- Approval February 2024 Minutes -

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7:42pm - Reports/Updates (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- Admin: by-laws, social media process
 - Discussed modifying by-laws to: Chair/Vice-Chair structure; January elections/re-elections of officers with recommendation of Chair to Mayor to consider.
 - We are restarting social media including Township sharing their content for posting.
- Climate Action Plan update: Council shared it with Staff to review/suggest edits before passing.
- Reexamination report of [Conservation Element](#) of the Master Plan Update. Keith is organizing a meeting to start the process.
- Tree Ordinance update. Working group formed to propose changes/stronger tree protection measures as per NJDEP new requirements and addressing local issues.
- Artificial Turf: Agreed to draft proposal to Council re: moratorium on the use of artificial turf on Township properties.
- Legislature passes bill [prohibiting sale of invasive species](#). Impact on Montclair. MEC will review to see if supersedes current ordinance or if current ordinance needs modifying.
- [Letter in support of Wind farms](#). MEC agreed to send comments to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in support of state wind farms built off coast of NY/NJ.
- Public comment on [NJ Statewide Water Supply Plan](#). MEC decided not to weigh in on the plan at this time.

Adjournment 8:45pm Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 at 7:30pm

Upcoming Local Environmental Events:

- April 6, 2024 NEEC Acting Locally For A More Sustainable World Conference
- April 21 NEEC townwide Earth Day Celebration
- April 28 Township Earth Fest
- May 4 Montclair Shred Fest
- May 18 Montclair electronics recycling