

# Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting at the Municipal Building in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly

**Facilitator:** Ben Rich

**Note Taker:** Ben Rich

**Commissioners:** Suzanne Aptman (Co-Chair), Ben Rich (Co-Chair), Keith Brodock, Janine Salvador (Secretary), Imke Oster, Bill Martens, Mac Carbonnell

**Excused:**

**Township Liaison:** Lisa Johnson

**Township Council Liaisons:** Lori Price-Abrams, Councillor; Sean Spiller, Mayor

## **Call the meeting to order: Time 7:38**

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 - Ben Rich**

## **7:31 - Approval July 2023 Minutes - Ben Rich**

Yea= \_\_\_\_, Nay= \_\_\_\_, Abstain= \_\_\_\_ (will vote at next meeting.)

## **Approve April 2023 Minutes -**

Yea= 4, Nay= 0, Abstain= 3

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

- Bamboo ordinance
  - We discussed this at July meeting and the Township Council acted on it at their next meeting.
  - We will look into other Township ordinances regarding limiting other invasive species.
- Pesticides ordinance update
  - The Township treats parking decks, trash areas, etc. with rodenticide. We agreed to remove rodenticide from the existing ordinance, for now, to better understand the options and how to achieve that without harmful/toxic rodenticides.
- Montclair Sustainability Officer Update
  - Montclair vehicle fleet electrification

- We have applications into the BPU and PSE&G to fund EVs and charging infrastructure.
- Climate Action Plan discussion
  - Organization/flow was updated in July to reflect suggestions and input.
  - Next update: Simplify some of the writing is recommended.
  - Princeton plan has a good organization and it may be good to organize ours similarly. Current version did take that plan into account when organizing.

**Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_ Next Meeting: October 4, 2023**

Upcoming Local Environmental Events: