

# **Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

July 5, 2023

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

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly

**Facilitator:** Suzanne Aptman

**Note Taker:** Janine Salvador

**Commissioners:** Suzanne Aptman  
(Co-Chair), Ben Rich (Co-Chair), Keith  
Brodock, Janine Salvador (Secretary)

**Excused:** Imke Oster, Bill Martens, Mac  
Carbonnell

**Township Liaison:** Lisa Johnson

**Township Council Liaisons:** Lori  
Price-Abrams, Councillor

## **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 home page, Montclair Local annually and, Montclair Environmental Commission website.

## **7:38 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions** - Suzanne Aptman

## **7:31 - Approval April 2023 Minutes** - Suzanne Aptman

Did not vote since 2 of the 4 members at the April meeting were absent.

Yea=\_\_\_, Nay=\_\_\_, Abstain=\_\_\_

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

- Pesticides
  - Ordinance prohibiting the use of pesticides on public lands
- Residents asked about bamboo on neighboring properties
  - Neighbors planning to plant bamboo bordering her property which is next to Eagle Rock Reservation.
  - Asking MEC if we would recommend to the Town Council that they put a moratorium on bamboo planting.
  - Recommended sample ordinance: [Egg Harbor Invasive Species Ordinance](#)
    - Township Code enforcement would be responsible for determining
  - MEC will reach out to the Essex County Environmental Commission and possibly a freeholder or two to encourage them to intervene in this issue.
- Climate Action Plan update
  - Second draft (from May version) with suggestions from others was completed and shared out ("July v2" version)
    - Presentation of the forecasts/model so commissioners can understand
  - We will table this conversation until we can have a presentation about the model and forecasting for the entire commission.

- Discuss Actions for Conservation Element of the Master Plan
  - Did not discuss at this meeting
- Montclair Fleet electrification update
  - The Sustainability Director requests that we suggest to the Township Council that they hire a sustainability-minded Township Manager.

**Adjournment 9:23pm      Next Meeting: September 6, 2023**

Upcoming Local Environmental Events: