

Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting at Town Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Type of Meeting: Monthly

Excused: Bill Martens (Alternate 2)

Facilitator: Suzanne Aptman

Note Taker: Janine Salvador

Township Liaison: Lisa Johnson

Commissioners: Suzanne Aptman
(Co-Chair), Ben Rich (Co-Chair), Keith
Brodock, Imke Oster, Janine Salvador
(Secretary), Mac Carbonnell (Alternate 1)

Township Council Liaisons (excused): Lori
Price-Abrams, Councillor; Sean Spiller, Mayor

Call the meeting to order: Time 7:44PM

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.

7:30 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions - Suzanne Aptman called the meeting to order at 7:44PM.

7:31 - Approval Jan 2023 Minutes

- Jan minutes: 5 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain (Mr. Carbonnell was absent at this time)
- February meeting did not have a quorum.

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

- Lackawanna Plaza Statement – Redevelopment Plan is with the Township Council for review and eventual vote.
 - Robust discussion about site, developer, what MEC wants to advocate for.
 - Supports with conditions
 - Vote to approve statement with inclusion of statement of cost/benefit to be added:
6 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain
- [Montclair Native Vegetation ordinance](#) – MEC is required by ordinance to review annually the procurement of natural vegetation by the Township. Tree committee will follow up with Steve Wood.
- April Meeting Date conflicts with Passover and spring break. Moving to April 19.
- Certain MEC members will reach out to David Cantor to advise on school upgrades.

Adjournment 9:07PM_____ Next Meeting: April 19, 2023

Upcoming Local Environmental Events:

- Humane Montclair Plant Based for the Planet project – 12 restaurants highlighting plant based meals
- March 21 MCA and NJ peace Action and others hosting “Stop Funding Fossil Fuels” event S. Fullerton and Bloomfield

- Shredfest – March 29 Goerge Innes, 9am – 1:00 pm

April 15-22 - [NEEC Earth Day events](#)

April 22 - [Drive Electric Earth Day \(DEED\) Montclair](#) at Crane Park near Lackawanna Plaza

Guest: Gopal Patel