

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for January 21, 2020 Meeting

Online meeting

1. Roll Call

In attendance were Sarah Egan, Keith Parsons, Peter Quagliariello, Trevor Serine, and Lars Seufert

2. Minutes

Minutes from the December 2020 meeting were approved

3. Public Forum

No comments or questions

4. New Business

Re-organization for 2021

- Approved the following organization for 2021:
Chair Keith Parsons
Vice Chair Lars Seufert
Secretary Trevor Serine
- Welcomed Sarah Egan (5th district) as a new commission member

Watershed Steward

- Discussed the requirements for a watershed steward program
 - Begins in March
 - 50 hour annual commitment
 - EAC projects count toward the annual hour commitment

Commission Quorum

- Discussed the EAC quorum requirement; current is five (5) and Council is willing to increase in order to accommodate additional EAC members

Open Concept

- Discussed the outstanding deliverable for the Swarthmore College student project
- Discussed Lars' proposal to ask Swarthmore College about interest in a longer term relationship where students could support EAC initiatives

5. Old Business

Delco Conservation District Grant (rain overflow planters)

- Shared ideas for soliciting volunteers for planter design and build
 - Trevor committed to making a flyer to post
 - Confirmed Ray Wilson of Council has a contact for the Boy Scouts
 - Discussed investigating help from the local elementary schools
- Discussed potential location considerations
 - The field house at Cherry Street will require gutters
 - Ray Roche Park may be a good location (immediately behind the courthouse)
- Agreed that installation on or close to Earth Day 2021 is desirable

Treevitalize

- Confirmed there are many programs available to apply for
- Discussed a bare root program closing in February
- Keith and Trevor confirmed their interest in pursuing a tree tender certification

Local Climate Action Plan (LCAP)

- Agreed to pursue this in the first year since there is no financial commitment
- Agreed that Keith will take this to Council at the February administrative meeting

Recycling / Compost

- Brittany Darras (volunteer) expressed interest in helping with further analysis (Lars to share existing materials)

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2020 7:00 PM