

# Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for January 19, 2023 Meeting

*Online meeting*

## 1. Roll Call

In attendance were Trevor Serine, Sarah Egan, Peter Quagliariello,  
Additional Attendee(s): Don Vymazal, Carol Carmen

## 2. Minutes

Minutes from the December 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

## 3. Public Forum

Carol Carmen: request for resident education regarding pesticide use and specifically mosquito spraying; concern regarding companies spraying her yard/overspray from neighbors receiving yard treatment

Received public comment regarding solar incorporation and potential locations for township solar panels (firehouse, township building, parking areas (like Lincoln Financial Field), street lights, etc.

Received public comment for Environmental Commission to run seminars or information webinars regarding a variety of issues including recycling, reduction of waste, composting, planning pollinator-friendly areas

## 4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

### Grant Updates

- Tree grant from CRC Watershed – CRC Executive is coordinating directly with Township Manager
- Tree grant from PA 10 Million Trees opens to us in February
- Community educational grant available for resident workshops – checking eligibility (\$3000)
- Bi-annual mini-grant period open until April (\$500)

### Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Set up meeting with Kevin Else to investigate planting opportunities

### Rain Planter – Fire Co.

- Waiting for warmer temperatures to install diverter

### Bluebird Trail – Life Scout Coordination

- Scout is working on 8-10 bluebird houses, will receive grant from Upper Providence for Open Space group to install a bluebird trail at Louis W. Scott Memorial Park in Upper Providence
- Environmental Commission needs to know who gives permission for plantings and projects at the park to seek approval, and whether Council needs to approve project.

### Zero Waste:

- Possible funding available from county re: composting, regional pilot which may cover up front costs – following up with Sustainability Taskforce on initiatives

### Trash/Recycling:

- Compare the newest data and numbers in the trash/recycling bid
- Run the numbers re: composting, learn more about available grants and pilot program
- Examine costs at Linvilla yard waste/compost

## 5. New Business

- Stormwater, zoning: EC to make a formal recommendation to Council with regards to stormwater, riparian buffers.
- Motion was made to submit a recommendation to Council by Pete, seconded by Sarah.

## 6. Other Business

- Transition Town Media invited Environmental Commission to their annual recognition and celebration to recognize our work. Members will attend in early February.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Sarah – all approved. Meeting closed 8:35 PM