

# Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

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Minutes for February 23, 2023 Meeting

*Online meeting*

## 1. Roll Call

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

## 2. Minutes

Minutes from the January 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

## 3. Public Forum

**John Henretig:** Springton Lake Middle School Teacher and Environmental Club leader; interested in getting involved with the township - group of students would be interested in a cleanup or a project such as planting saplings.

## 4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

### Grant Updates

- CRC Watershed grant (tree planting, streambank stabilization) submitted; Council approved
- Tree grant from PA 10 Million Trees opened to us in February – we have ordered trees for early April delivery
- 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
- Council has approved the project

### Zero Waste:

- Delaware county applied for a grant (SWIFTR); interested in composting regional pilot; supported in part by the municipal waste authority and zero waste initiative for the county. Following grant progress.

### 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 made a formal recommendation to Council with regards to stormwater, riparian buffers. Both are required to go to the Planning Commission (meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month); since zoning is included, it was also sent to the County, which should return reviews in 30 days.
- Township Manager to meet with Sustainability Taskforce and Environmental Commission members to discuss Sustainable PA Certification at the bronze level for Upper Providence Township.
- Kudzu vine: Council interest in goat control method; a few areas identified as test locations

## 6. Other Business

- Local interest for Environmental Commission to run or record community education webinars
- **Hybrid Environmental Commission meetings:** Township technology has been refined, we will begin hybrid meetings in March. Motion to approve by Pete, seconded by Sarah, the motion carried.
- Transition Town Media update: Transition Town Media held an event, attended by members of the Environmental Commission, to celebrate the work that the EC and other area organizations have done during 2022.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Sarah – all approved. Meeting closed 7:47 PM