

# Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for February, 2021 Meeting

*Online meeting*

## 1. Roll Call

In attendance were Keith Parsons, Trevor Serine, Peter Quagliariello, Lars Seufert, and Sarah Egan. Additional Attendee(s): Brittany Darras.

## 2. Minutes

Minutes from the January, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

## 3. Public Forum

No comments or questions.

## 4. Old Business

### Delco Conservation District Grant (Rain Overflow Planters)

- Site visit by EC members discussed; photographs of potential site(s) circulated & discussed.
- Approved Lars to coordinate with Parks & Rec liaison and to have site(s) confirmed by P&R. [other discussed sites include: Cherry Street Park; Ray Roche Park]
- Will proceed with planned position at municipal building having received the approval of Council and Twp. Manager; Bob Redfern to assist with schematics.
- Proposed eventual expansion/incorporation with future butterfly garden project.

### Compost Updates

- Report from Swarthmore students not yet completed; students requesting feedback from EC. Lars will continue to provide feedback to students/teacher and will update on report at next meeting.
- Continue to engage with Delaware County Waste Authority for current tipping rates, actual tonnages tipped, contract bids/negotiations, etc. – EC notes its continued difficulty obtaining this data from the source(s) directly, but is diligently pursuing this information.

### LCAP Updates

- Council approval received January, 2021 to proceed with inaugural LCAP 1 year annual license, sponsored by the Commonwealth DEP. Discussed incorporating the plan and/or data into the ECLA (Climate Action Plan), and incorporating the data from Del. Valley Regional Planning Commission.
- Future annual subscription (approximately \$1,000.00/year) will be evaluated following the completion of the LCAP annual program, but is not recommended by the EC at this time.

## 5. New Business

### Centralizing EC Files and Communication

- Lars will contact Township to inquire about cloud storage and [EC@upperprovidence.org](mailto:EC@upperprovidence.org) email address.

### CRCQL Zero-Waste Initiative Information Call – Review

- Several members of EC attended/participated in the information meeting held by CRCQL locally, presented to several ECs in the area. Discussion was focused on the Covanta incinerator, waste disposal, zero-waste initiatives, and possible resolutions ECs can present to Council.
- After discussion and review, EC unanimously declines to recommend a zero-waste resolution to council at this time.

### EC Membership/Quorum

- EC discussion of admittance of Brittany Darras to EC – Council previously indicated they are open to expanding EC from 5 members to 7, but expressed reservations due to increased quorum requirements, and prior lack of (or waning) interest requiring reduction from 7 to 5 within the last several years. Current EC members acknowledged prior difficulties but want to continue to foster interest.
- EC Motion to request Council expand EC from 5 to 7 members is approved. Keith will discuss at March Council Meeting.

### Recycling – Partnership with Non-Profit

- Continue to explore recycling contract and possible future partnership with a local recycling non-profit.

### Announcements

- CRC Cleanup occurring March 20, 2021.
- Continue to work with and encourage membership in Friends of Upper Providence Non-Profit.

## **6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Sarah – all approved. Meeting closed at 8:21PM.