

# Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for March 16, 2023 Meeting

*In-person at the Township Building and available concurrently online.*

## 1. Roll Call

In attendance were Trevor Serine, Sarah Egan, Peter Quagliariello, Kristen Giambra  
Additional Attendee(s): Don Vymazal, Howard Sherman

## 2. Minutes

Minutes from the February 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

## 3. Public Forum

**Howard Sherman:** Proposing that the municipality hire a staff grant writer; there are available grants from non-profits, private businesses, state, etc.; he has provided a written copy of this suggestion to Trevor Serine, as well as a model of a resolution that Delaware County Sustainability Commission has put into their Sustainability plan; asks Upper Providence Township to consider passing that resolution in order to take advantage of available grants.

## 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

### Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Planting under consideration pending park plans

### Scott Park

- Restoration/improvements update

### Rain Planter – Fire Co.

- Coordinating a date for April

### 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 and investigating grant options for pilot programs in the interim.

### 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

- Earth Day planning: Dandelion/eNews; options for home page feature, 5 ways to help the environment, etc.
- Township Manager to meet with Sustainability Taskforce and Environmental Commission members to discuss Sustainable PA Certification at the bronze level for Upper Providence Township.

### 6. Other Business

- Local interest for Environmental Commission to run or record community education webinars
- Don: grant received for park behind the Township Building, will include plans for a pollinator garden

### 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Kristin – all approved. Meeting closed 8:20 PM