

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for April 20, 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, Mareile Watson

2. Minutes

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

Public interest in more trees at another giveaway, would like to happen on Community Day (Sept. 23rd)

4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

Grant Updates

- Tree grant from PA 10 Million Trees Partnership: successfully gave away 400 native tree seedlings. Next time – coordinate giveaway at Rose Tree Park (parking limitations at Scott Park).

Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Planting under consideration pending park plans
- Can the DCCD mini grant cover the cost of the trees for Media Borough Tree Tenders trees at Cherry Street Park.

Scott Park

- Restoration/improvements update

Rain Planter – Fire Co.

- Coordinating a date for May

Bluebird Trail – Life Scout Coordination

- May 6th Scouts cleanup work day at the park, they will use some funds that UPOS gave to Township to purchase replacement boards for benches and tables

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:

- Composting / Recycling – ongoing education efforts. Sustainability Taskforce is working on this

5. New Business

- Earth Day planning: plan to expand Earth Week 2024 to include a native plant sale – work with local nursery, offer a discount to residents so that nursery handles logistics
- Township Manager to meet with Sustainability Taskforce and Environmental Commission members to discuss Sustainable PA Certification at the bronze level for Upper Providence Township: we have agreed that this should be pursued – is Council responsible for going after the certification?
- Bird Town designation & application: schedule 1hr. working session and source additional volunteers – Trevor to reach out to Delco Birders
- Bee City application is similar Bird Town – send a request to the public in the newsletter asking for volunteers to help move forward
- Recommendation on plastic single use bag and polystyrene ordinance
- Beaver issues: Concern with the damage and impact; keeping an eye on it

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
- Sustainability Taskforce: Working Session in March, with voting, Christen to communicate to members unable to attend; Kimberly to send voting information to group.
- Kudzu Vine – Township trying to rent goats in the area, waiting on a call back, booked out quite far
- Absentee member – reach out to absentee member with information about how to proceed going forward; ask if anyone on the Sustainability Taskforce wants to join the Environmental Commission to represent unrepresented district(s).
- Motion to pick a logo for UPEC

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Kristin – all approved. Meeting closed 8:14 PM