

# Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for August 18, 2022 Meeting

*Online meeting*

## 1. Roll Call

In attendance were Trevor Serine, Sarah Egan, and Kristin Giambra, Peter Quagliariello  
Additional Attendee(s): Marion Yagliniski, Christen Rexing, Don Vymazal, Tan Chen

## 2. Minutes

Minutes from the July 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

## 3. Public Forum

Marion Yagliniski, founder of biodiversity group, shared information about planting of natives, Media Bee City status, making a pollinator garden at the community center, Media Upper Providence Library year-long biodiversity exhibit and book collection. Marion discussed the lack of knowledge surrounding pesticide and mosquito spraying, and the need to promote alternatives.

Tan Chen commented on environmental initiatives and asked that we increase awareness of the Environmental Commission meetings - making meetings more visible to the public via outreach, through the Township newsletter, and announcements.

Christen Rexing from Township Council discussed the Sustainable Taskforce initiative which will be kicking off after Community Day (September 17).

## 4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

### LCAP (Local Climate Action Plan):

- Review for approval for subsequent year if grant is received.

### Rain Planters:

- finalize planning, install diverter
- connect with fire company regarding second planter

### Grants – Identifying new areas of revenue:

- Milkweed Grant – milkweed grant was received, 300 milkweed plants were planted

### Tree Giveaway Update:

Over 5,200 trees and shrubs distributed! Fall tree grant order has been placed, will arrive first week of September.

### Bluebird Trail – Life Scout Coordination

- Waiting on update from Scout.

### Trex Bench Update:

Will coordinate with township to put box at municipal building.

## Zero Waste:

Energy efficiency improvements – LED Replacements. Street light grant?  
Electric car chargers – can we determine how many owners have electric vehicles?  
What is the rate of car chargers/garages vs. street?  
Discussion of installing 240V line in new construction to garages as requirement

## 5. New Business

Pennsylvania Municipal League – Sustainability certifications  
- We will take lead on starting the internal review  
Rain Overflow Planter at Fire Co. is temporarily approved.

Coordinate Planting at Cherry Street Park – Kevin Elias.

Sustainability Task Force – we support Council starting a sustainability task force

Community Day – Environmental Commission table; trees requested for giveaway

Website – Add an information page to the Upper Providence website regarding composting and local services

## 6. Other Business

Recommendation that we add a section to the Upper Providence Township website for more effective alternatives to mosquito spraying – similar to the meadow page:  
<https://www.upperprovidence.org/215/Meadows-Versus-Grass-Lawns>

Recommendation to add an Environmental Commission Spotlight (to social media page, newsletter, etc.) with tips for residents (for example, mosquito control).

## 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sarah, seconded by Kristen – all approved. Meeting closed 8:12 PM