

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for September 15, 2022 Meeting

Online meeting

1. Roll Call

In attendance were Trevor Serine, Sarah Egan, Kristin Giambra, Peter Quagliariello
Additional Attendee(s):

2. Minutes

Minutes from the August 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

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
- Rain Overflow Planter at Fire Co. is temporarily approved.

Grants – Identifying new areas of revenue:

- Bee City – on the agenda for October.
- Street Light grant – look into options for energy efficiency

Tree Giveaway Update:

Over 5,200 trees and shrubs distributed!

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,
Discussion of installing 240V line in new construction to garages as requirement

5. New Business

- Pennsylvania Municipal League – Sustainability certifications
- 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
- Kudzu – remediation needed in area of Upper Providence near the antique shop

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).
- Discussed Community Day logistics
- Discussed Sustainability Taskforce – more information from township later in the fall
- Discussed status of waste contract – possibly a focus of the Sustainability Taskforce

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Pete, seconded by Kristen – all approved. Meeting closed 7:54 PM