

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for September 21, 2023 Meeting

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

1. Roll Call

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

2. Minutes

Minutes from the August 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

Grant Updates

- Keystone 10 Million Trees – 400 trees for the Community Day giveaway to be delivered this week, however Community Day is cancelled due to weather – we will work with Delaware County Conservation District and Penn State Master Watershed Stewards to provide trees for plantings in lieu of the Community Day tree giveaway.

Certifications and Awards

- Bird Town PA: evaluating for fall, looking for community volunteers (we have 3-4 potential volunteers, looking for a couple more)
- Bee City: evaluating for fall, looking for community volunteers

Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Pollinator gardens – updates from parks grant forthcoming

Sustainability Task Force

- Suggestion to write a report to show progress.

Zero Waste:

- Plastic single use bag restriction - Plans for township to send out a survey to both residents and small businesses soon.

Trash/Recycling:

- Composting / Recycling – ongoing education efforts; opportunity for community drop-off option at Rose Tree Park by community garden or other central location (example: Swarthmore Co-Op has a drop off bin, which is picked up weekly by an UPT composting company)
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5. New Business

- Monsanto Settlement Fund- Neighboring boroughs have received settlement check, waiting un UPT update from Township Manager.
- Possible Meadow Ordinance: Environmental Commission to share meadow ordinance examples and information from Master Watershed Stewards and other local municipalities.
- Community Day Planning: COMMUNITY DAY CANCELLED due to weather.

6. Other Business

- Kudzu Vine – take pictures, note locations, share with township; private property owners should be informed, township to address kudzu on township land; add information on removal to newsletter.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kristin, seconded by Sarah – all approved. Meeting closed 8:07 PM