

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for October 19, 2023 Meeting

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

1. Roll Call

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

2. Minutes

Minutes from the September 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Forum

4. Old Business/Ongoing Projects

Grant Updates

- No current updates.

Certifications and Awards

- Bird Town PA: evaluating for fall, looking for community volunteers (we have 4-6 volunteers, looking for a couple more)
- Bee City: evaluating for fall, looking for community volunteers

Roche/Cherry St. Park Planting

- Ray Roche Park: feedback from residents to keep as many trees as possible; pollinator garden also being planned
- Girl Scout Pollinator garden: successful install at Berman Park

Sustainability Task Force

- Presentation given by Taskforce to Council

Zero Waste:

- Upper Providence Township Council is putting together a strategic plan for a single-use plastic ordinance to be passed in spring 2024

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)

5. New Business

- Monsanto Settlement Fund- Neighboring boroughs have received settlement check, waiting on 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.
- Investigate electronics recycling options – has the Delaware County Sustainability Taskforce looked into county-wide options?
- Annual Comprehensive Review: opportunity to make recommendations to Council about areas of potential opportunity; review of the work and events that we have completed
- Recap: Rose Valley EAC Climate Forum
- Discuss – Potential for EC Sub-Committees: EC member could potentially create a sub-committee, and residents could join to tackle the project
- Scott Park: CRC planted trees

6. Other Business

- Kudzu Vine – take pictures, note locations; private property owners should be informed, township to address kudzu on township land; AQUA should be informed, removal should occur. Add information on kudzu removal to newsletter. Possibly have information poster at voting sites to help get the word out to residents not on the newsletter; pamphlets could be made to deliver to library.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sarah, seconded by Pete – all approved. Meeting closed 7:47 PM