



# Upper Uwchlan Township

Environmental Advisory Council Meeting  
January 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM – Meeting held virtually  
Minutes

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## **Attendees**

Council members Amit Dalvi, Madhu Gurthy, Neil Phillips, Patti Spackman, and Meredith Squitiere attended. Assistant Township Manager Shanna Lodge attended.

## **Call to Order**

Neil Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

## **Review of Minutes**

Neil called for any clarifications or corrections to the minutes of November 8, 2021. There were no edits or comments. Patti moved to approve the minutes, Neil seconded, and the minutes were approved.

## **Member Reports from Educational Events**

Madhu reported that the Total Recycling Tour was enjoyable and informative. Meredith talked about what was learned regarding pandemic impacts to – e.g., cardboard increases and the changes in the market for the recyclables and how this helps the Township monetarily. Patti mentioned it was interesting to hear how the materials move from our bins to the facility, and the volatility of the industry. A discussion of nuisance items followed, such as, Christmas tree lights and shredded paper. The group discussed adding a shredding event to the annual event schedule.

Neil asked about any changes to recycling processing that can be expected. Shanna advised about potential for changes to the Township's hauler contract and changes to the County's Process & Marketing contract, both anticipated in 2022. She will keep the EAC apprised.

Neil reported on a workshop at the Center for Water Quality Excellence about stormwater authorities. He reported that he and Shanna were to talk to both industry leaders and Townships which had already begun the setup of a stormwater utility. Regarding billing of state agency landowners (e.g., PennDOT, PA Turnpike Commission), Neil reported that other municipalities do bill these agencies, but that collecting payment is unlikely. Nonetheless, all landowners are billed. Neil spoke specifically about the flooding at the Turnpike overpass of Pottstown Pike (Route 100), and the impact the state-owned land has on flooding in this area. Other speakers at the event included an attorney spoke who sets up stormwater utilities, and experts who work on GIS data collection of impervious surfaces. Neil advised that the EAC continue to go down this road and see how the Supervisors ask to move forward. Shanna will make the handouts from this meeting available to the EAC.

**Upcoming Event/Initiative Planning**

Madhu sent to the group a calendar of potential monthly outreach for the year. Shanna reported that the holiday recycling guide was well-received on social media. Looking forward to February, the EAC plans to have information available about local Phoenixville recycle facility or other facility.

Neil asked about funding in the 2022 budget and began a discussion about what events the EAC might host in the year. Shanna advised that the Council has been allocated \$10,000 for events, consultants, etc. for 2022. Patti suggested hosting an Earth Day event – maybe a fair/festival with lots of displays. There was concurrence from the group – plan to reconvene on that planning in February. The event was tentatively planned for April 23 at Upland Farm. Possibly invite food trucks, have stations with potting plants, composting etc. Madhu will look into coordinating with Pickering Valley Elementary efforts for Earth Day. Amit suggested keeping track of suggestions in a Google Doc. For a fall event, the group plans to coordinate the annual E-Waste Recycling event, and to include a shredding event component in 2022. The EAC also plans to have a presence at the Township Block Party in June and Tree Lighting in November.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the EAC will be on February 1, 2022.

**Adjournment**

Madhu moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shanna Lodge