

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 665
(Duly Adopted April 2, 2020)

**AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A NEW
CHAPTER 38 OF THE CODE OF LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AND
PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, TERMS,
POWERS, AND RECORDS**

WHEREAS, the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors desires to create a healthy and sustainable environment in which the community has access to well-conceived outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors recognizes sustainability and outdoor recreation are promoted by the creation of an Environmental Advisory Council which will provide expertise and feedback for environmental goals and concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

ARTICLE I. Environmental Advisory Council.

The Code of the Township of Lower Providence is hereby amended with the addition of a new Chapter 38 which shall read as follows:

Chapter 38. Environmental Advisory Council.

§38-1 Creation.

The Environmental Advisory Council is hereby created and established in accordance with the provisions of 53 Pa.C.S.A. §§2321- 2329 relating to Environmental Advisory Councils as set forth herein.

§38-2 Membership and Terms

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of five residents of Lower Providence Township. Council members shall be appointed according to the following procedures:

- A. All council members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township.
- B. Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term of office.
- C. Council members shall serve a term of three years, except that initial appointments shall be staggered so that two members serve three year terms, two members serve two year terms, and one member serves a one year term.
- D. Whenever possible, one member shall also be a member of the local planning commission.

§38-3 Expenses.

Members of the Environmental Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in performance of their duties, provided that such expenses have been pre-approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Council may not contract separately for professional or vendor services but shall have access to Township professional services.

§38-4 Duties.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the Board of Supervisors.

§38-5 Officers.

The Environmental Advisory Council will have a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township. All other officers shall be elected by Council membership.

§38-6 Powers.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following powers:

- a. Identify environmental issues and recommend plans and programs to the Board of Supervisors for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within Lower Providence Township.
- b. Promote community programs that build environmental literacy among township residents, community organizations and businesses.

- c. Upon request of the Board of Supervisors, to keep an index of all open space areas, publicly or privately owned, including flood-prone areas, swamps and other unique natural areas, for the purpose of obtaining information on the proper use of those areas.
- d. Upon request of the Board of Supervisors, to make recommendations regarding the acquisition of both real and personal property by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, easement, devise , or lease, in matters pertaining to the protection, conservation, management, promotion and use of the natural resources of the Township.
- e. To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township.

§38-7 Records.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report which shall be printed and made available to the public. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the governing body.

§38-8 Appropriations.

The Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Environmental Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

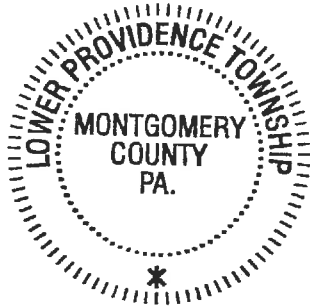
ARTICLE III. Severability

If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

ARTICLE IV. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

SO RESOLVED, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township conducted on this 2nd day of April, 2020.



ATTEST:

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Donald Delamater, Township Manager

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Jason Sorgini, Chair