

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**July 17, 2017**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on July 17, 2017, in the Board Room in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members of the ECDC were present: Jenn Lyons, Chairperson; Alanna Strohecker, Vice Chairperson; Joe Brophy; Dan Yarnall; Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner; and Erika Spott, Board of Supervisors Liaison.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 17, 2017 by Mr. Yarnall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lyons, and all were in favor.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

The Community Center Advisory Board identified participants from their group for the community center/ foundation partnership to provide financial assistance for community center programs. Jenn and Joe volunteered to participate on behalf of the ECDC and a meeting will be set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

Mr. Brophy gave an update on the Moore-Irwin House. Dan Russel is working with Sally Slook to solicit an architectural study and grants for the project.

The community garden at Heuser Park is moving forward. The P&R Board has identified some options as far as programming and the provision of water and electricity.

Mr. Brophy mentioned that DEP responded regarding the baseflow diminution of Trout Creek. They referred the issue to DRBC and DEP SERO, who will correspond with AQUA regarding water allocation.

**FINALIZING PROJECT ROLES:**

**Business Incubator** - Mr. Yarnall agreed to head this project and requested the Chamber of Commerce be added as a potential partner.

**Financial Literacy Program** - Mr. Yarnall agreed to head this project. Dan reached out to some Credit Unions regarding Community Services. Ms. Spott suggested that he read out to the Laura at the Library to discuss their programming and possible overlap. Mr. Yarnall mentioned that a Credit Union might require a partnership agreement to be signed. Erika confirmed that depending on the requirements, either the township or foundation could do so.