

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 21, 2018

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on May 21, 2018, in the Board Room of 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; Scott Sibley, Vice Chairperson; Joe Brophy, Secretary; Tim Dooner; and Rob Loeper, Township Planner.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 3/19/2018 by Mr. Dooner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sibley, and all were in favor.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:

Mr. Dooner explained that transitional housing was discussed at the joint Board of Supervisors meeting, as well as with Jacque Camp from the Planning Commission. A subcommittee will be formed to investigate what is required as well as what the Township's involvement will be regarding the transitional housing project.

DISTRICT WIDE FOOD PANTRY:

Mr. Dooner reported that Valley Forge Presbyterian has been working with the Upper Merion Area School District to open a district wide food pantry. All of the school buildings are currently collecting food, as well as the Upper Merion Farmers Market. A planning meeting will be held on May 22nd, and the committee will be working on placing an advertisement in the King of Prussia Courier.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Mr. Brophy reported that the Community Garden Board of Advisors has been formed by ten people. The Community Garden has received \$5000.00 in funds from the Board of Community Assistance Grant, and \$12,000.00 from Mr. Bill DelCollo. All of the garden plots have been sold, and the fence is ready to be installed.

MOORE-IRWIN HOUSE:

Mr. Brophy explained that a three dimensional rendering is needed for the proposed remediation to the Moore-Irwin House and its surrounding property.

TROUT CREEK:

Mr. Brophy reported that Trout Creek stops running in Tredyffrin Township, and that the Delaware River Basin Commission believes that this is caused by a sinkhole within Tredyffrin's borders. Mr. Brophy has reached out to staff members of Tredyffrin Township with no response. He will reach out to Trout Unlimited; an environmental interest group who focuses on healthy streams and waterways.

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FONDATION:

Mr. Brophy has been in contact with a nationwide marketing company called Access regarding large fundraising ideas for the Upper Merion Township Foundation.

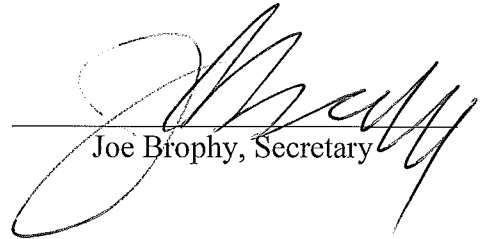
ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Sibley explained that the Business Improvement District has facilitated a meeting for a group of residents that are interested in supporting the King of Prussia Rail Project. Mr. Sibley also commented that the Valley Forge Park Alliance is working on a feasibility study for a trail that would connect the Village at Valley Forge to Valley Forge National Park as well as tie into the Business Improvement District's linear park project.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered



Joe Brophy, Secretary