

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 18, 2017

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on September 18, 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; Scott Sibley, Secretary; Joe Brophy; Dan Yarnall; and Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 8/21/2017 by Mr. Brophy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yarnall, and all were in favor.

MOORE-IRWIN HOUSE:

Sally Slook is working along with Representative Tim Briggs to attain grants for the study as well as potential upgrades.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Mr. Brophy met with the Park and Recreation Board regarding the Community Garden. The board discussed having the garden at Nor-View Farm, and Dan Russell will follow up with Bill Schutter from the Parks and Shade Tree Department. There was \$7500.00 entered into the 2018 budget to fund this project.

BUSINESS INCUBATOR:

Mr. Yarnall will reach out to the Business Improvement District to see if they have already considered this possible project. The ECDC members discussed potential locations.

RIVERFRONT PARK:

Mr. Brophy researched nineteen parcels adjacent to the Schuylkill River that are not owned by Norfolk Southern. The ECDC will speak with the Board of Supervisors about the potential to acquire riverfront properties and if there is adequate Township staff they can dedicate to the project.

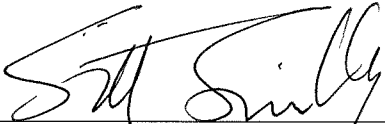
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Brown reported that the tower expansion was approved on Hughes Road for Montgomery County Emergency Services to extend radio coverage to areas that radio communication had not previously worked. He explained that First Quality at First Avenue and Allendale Road submitted a plan for site improvements to make their trucks and loading areas less visible from the road. He mentioned that Schultz is building a multi-use recreational facility on Flint Hill Road. Mr. Brown also reported that a meeting was held with Montgomery County

regarding linking the Chester Valley Trail to the Village at Valley Forge as well as Valley Forge Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Scott Sibley, Secretary

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