

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

1. Roll Call – Emilio Mendelsohn and Penny Joines were present.
2. Public Forum – Doug Hasbrouck and Keith Parsons were in attendance. Mr. Hasbrouck discussed the upcoming CRC Event. We discussed ways for us to improve our communication of events and information to the community and to increase our level of participation. Mr. Parsons inquired about the road treatments the township is using. We agreed to follow-up with him prior to the next meeting.
3. November 16, 2017 Minutes were approved.
4. Old/Ongoing Business:
 - a. Preparation for Earth Day - Crum Creek Clean-Up Spring 2018. Also, continue to investigate issues of trash clean-up along 252 and dumping along State Road/Crum Creek. Emilio Mendelsohn (UP EC Member) and Doug Hasbrouck (Community Member) will be co-coordinators for our participation in the CRC Clean-Up. We agreed to a goal of doubling our community's involvement in 2017 (goal of 18 for 2018). **Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend the Annual CRC Clean-Up Day to celebrate Earth Day -- Saturday, April 21st.**
 - b. Scott Park Trail Improvement Projects (footbridge, signage, clean-up). We discussed next steps. Emilio will contact the local Boy Scouts to determine their level of interest in doing trail improvement projects at Scott Park. Penny will follow-up with UP Township Admin. and Council to determine resources available to possibly apply for a grant to enhance Scott Park. The EC has identified the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) as a likely source of grant funds. **Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend the Annual Scott Park Day on Saturday, April 14th (Sunday, April 15th is the rain date)**
 - c. Confirm EC active members and address need for new/replacement members. The EC has received two recent resignations and as a result has vacant positions which need to be filled. Emilio will contact G. Lebold concerning current vacancies and will contact remaining current EC members to assess level of interest/involvement going forward.
5. New Business:
 - a. Connect and engage with other EAC's and other environmental groups such as CRC. In an effort to begin to connect to other Environmental groups in our area, we plan to have representation at **the 2018 Trails Summit at the Community Recreation and Environmental Center – Sat., February 10, 2018, 9 am - Noon at the CREC (9000 Parkview Drive, Haverford, PA 19041) - Anyone in the community interested in walking and biking is welcome to attend!** At this summit they will discuss opportunities not only in Haverford but also the potential for linkages throughout the region. Hear about plans in Radnor, Lower Merion, Newtown and Upper Darby for trails that will link the region. The summit, hosted by the Friends of Haverford Trails and Haverford Recreation Department, is held each year to review progress, identify opportunities to improve walking and biking in Haverford and the western suburbs of Philadelphia, and prioritize and help plan continuing trail connections in our community. **To see the current trail network, visit www.havtrail.com.**
 - b. Identify process for and appropriateness of Grant applications. Penny will follow-up with UP Township Administration and Council to determine the process for Grant applications.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:00pm