

Upper Providence Township
Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes– May 17, 2018

7:00 pm

1. **Roll Call** - In attendance were:
Emilio Mendelsohn, Peter Quagliariello, J.R. Godwin, and Penny Joines

2. **Reorganization:** With the appointment of new members and having quorum present, we agreed to the following roles in the organization:
Chair – Emilio Mendelsohn
Vice Chair – J.R. Godwin
Secretary – Penny Joines

3. **Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2018 Meeting :**
The April 19 meeting minutes were approved without revision and will be posted.

4. **Comments from Council Liaison:** Beth Glassman
Beth Glassman is a member of Council from District 1. She serves as the liaison between Council and the Environmental Commission (EC). Beth introduced herself to the EC and described the role of the EC as being to review requests and advise Council on questions regarding the environment.

4. **Public Forum – Comments and Questions:** No other members of the public were present except for the Panichi Family which is referenced below under “New Business”.

5. **Old Business:**
 - Discussion of Earth Day Activity - Crum Creek (CRC) Clean-Up Spring 2018
P.Joines shared – We had a total of 10 volunteers at our primary location on State Road where we removed approx. 1,500-1,800 pounds of debris. Overall the CRC Watershed Association’s total stream clean-up efforts resulted in over 19,000 pounds of trash removed.

6. **New Business:**

- Panichi Family Steep Slope Amendment Report Review

The Panichi Family was in attendance. Mr. Eric Panichi spoke and gave the EC an overview of their concerns and the background on the issues. All of their information is contained in the separate report titled “A Report on the Steep & Very Steep Slope Overlay and Its Impact on Existing Residential Homes” by The Panichi Family & Supporters dated February 2018. Mr. Panichi stated that their own issue is settled but that they now are working to raise awareness of the steep slope situation and how it impacts others. Based on the information shared (verbally and in the report) and the discussion, the EC is of the opinion that the environmental protections set forth by the Steep Slopes Ordinances should remain as they are currently written. The EC only considered the issues with respect to the environmental issues/protections.

- Scott Park Eagle Scout Projects

Beth Glassman shared information regarding two Eagle Scout projects to make improvements to Scott Park. The project plans have been forwarded via email to the EC members for their information. P.Joines will connect with the Recreation Board regarding the planned projects in Scott Park.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:00pm