

Upper Providence Township Environmental Commission (EC) Meeting

Minutes for October 18, 2018 Meeting

1. Roll Call

In attendance were Adam Banks, Penny Joines, Keith Parsons, and Peter Quagliariello.

2. Public Forum

Karen Ashbach commented about the upcoming Media Upper Providence Free Library book sale, Media Arts Council reception, and biannual appeal.

3. Minutes

Minutes from the September 2018 meeting were approved.

4. Old Business

PA Ready for 100. Reviewed a presentation by Bill Sabey from the Montgomery County chapter of [PA Ready for 100](#). Bill's presentation covered the cost impacts of climate change in Pennsylvania communities and the general economic case for renewable energy. Highlights of the presentation were:

- There are two related Pennsylvania legislative bills (House Bill [2132](#) and Senate Bill [1140](#))
- 71% of Pennsylvania residents support more renewable energy
- Five municipalities in the region have committed to the program (88 nationwide)

Learned best practices from Bill on how a municipality should approach the initiative.

Scott Park Tour. Reviewed Penny's recent tour of Scott Park led by Jane Ferry of Upper Providence for Open Space (UPOS). Learned that the Recreation Board is open to UPOS's proposed improvements; Penny will follow up with the Recreation Board to suggest inclusion of trash and recycling on premise.

Waste Disposal Facility Tour. Reviewed information gathered by Keith on how Blozenski processes township trash. Learned that trash is sent to a Covanta energy-from-waste facility and resulting ash is shipped to a facility in Boyertown. Still awaiting information on a possible facility tour and on similar information about how recyclables are processed.

Contaminated Recycling. Confirmed that Keith will follow up with a contact provided by Greg Lebold to learn more about issues with contaminated recycling.

5. New Business

None

6. Adjournment

Adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2018 7:00 PM