East Providence Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes September 15, 2026
City Hall - Room 308

Members present: Wayne Barnes, Ernie Germani, John Carney, Chet Levine, Kelsey Queenan. Public: Tara

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

B. Adoption of Minutes. June 2026 minutes were approved. Motion by W Barnes.

C. Public Comment.
Tara raised concerns about the invasive Spotted Lanternfly infestation near the dog park at Hunts Mills. Treatment measures were discussed including planting Milkweed, installing bat boxes and cutting invasive Tree of Heaven. A city wide distribution of Milkweed seed is a goal. It was noted Milkweed needs a sunny location.

D. Planning Department update.
RI DEM is working with a consultant to develop a Lake Management Plan for Turner Reservoir and Central Pond. Goals include managing the spread of invasive water chestnut and improvising the water quality.

E. Tree Commission Report None

F. Correspondence.
A resident emailed to report damage to a section of the Turner Reservoir boardwalk

G. New Business.
- Trails. A new trail can be blazed behind the Kent Heights field dog park. The city needed access to inspect sewer lines there. We will meet on September 21 at 5pm to do some work. Central Pond trail headed toward Gamino Pond can also be blazed along with a trail behind the Ten Mile Greenway near Kimberly Rock
- Hazard Mitigation. Wayne and consultants are working on updating the city Hazard Mitigation plan.. The plan addressed issues such as flooding and other disasters.

H. Old Business
- Kiosk signs - We need to add new Kent Heights trail to signs
- Boyden Heights - Waterseal project planned for Oct. 24

I. Other Business None

J. Commission Member Items

Ernie - RI Land Trust Walk planned for Oct. 2
Wayne - Stormwater grant report
John- Osprey nest success was down this year across the state

K. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.
Our next meeting will be October 20.

Respectfully submitted, John Carney Secretary