

Minutes of The Upper Mt. Bethel Economic Dev. Committee Monthly Meeting

October 24, 2017

1. Review and approval of prior month meeting minutes- Pass, Seconded by Bob. Discussion with Rick Fisher and Anthony DeFranco.
2. Meet and Greet event planning and discussion. 95 invitations sent. Tuscarora at 6:30pm Nov 16th. Discussion and planning for November meet and greet with area businesses. Use social media to boost attendance. Rick Fisher is going to send us a list of the bigger companies in the township for direct calls and invitations to the Meet and Greet.
3. EDC members should attend the Sat 2pm meet and greet for Mr. Pinter, Supervisor candidate office. John Sr. suggested asking a leading question such as,... “The economy seems to be picking up nationally, how do you find the business climate here and in your business?” “How about community events like gun shows and fall festivals?”.... “People want to participate” Act 537 questionnaires were heavily responded to by our public.
4. Update on the progress and upcoming key dates for adoption of LERTA program in UMBT, BASD school district, and Northampton County
5. Continued discussion and marketing ideas for the EDC (Picture of group to be taken and used in local areas publications, website, etc)
6. Discussion on increasing the presence of the EDC with Air Liquide and Kalahari business development representatives. We will be able to increase our involvement in these projects, but not yet. We need to wait for Board of Supervisors approval.
7. Follow-up on the proposed role of the EDC and Portland Borough. Primary contacts or actors/ influencers are Stephanie and Lance.
8. Rick Fisher discussed the existence of and definitions of High quality streams, Exceptional value streams, and special protection waterways in our township and how their presence impacts future development particularly as it affects septic and sewer system designs and permits associated with increased development. Slateford creek is an example of an Exc. Value Stream.
9. Public Comment

Compiled by Secretary, Michael Kulicke

