

Upper Mount Bethel Economic Development Committee Monthly Meeting

January 28th, 2021 Minutes

Attendees: S. Cole, T. Hayward, W. Hall, M. Kulicke, G. Deen, M. Brown, A. Defranco

Guest: L. Pektor

1. Status update from Riverpointe Logistics on River Road development site – L. Pektor

RPL representative L. Pektor discussed on-going activities at the River Road development site: including well drilling, geological studies for stormwater management and future site location services, testing for future sewage disposal requirements, preliminary roadway studies, and on-going development of the site master plan. Mr. Pektor referred to the possibility of creating a NID (“Neighborhood Improvement District”) for future taxation to provided services to the site occupants.

2. Introduction of 2 new members, update on open committee roles, update on EDC opening, planned reorganization for Feb Mtg - Cole

2 new members were introduced: Geoff Deen and Mitch Brown.

The committee discussed the need to re-organize for 2021, with a planned re-org scheduled for February’s meeting. Open committee positions include Vice-Chairman and Secretary. EDC chairman stressed the importance of these roles and encouraged members to volunteer for these roles.

EDC chairman mentioned the resignation of former Vice-Chair J. Bermingham Sr. The open position will be posted on the township website after the meeting.

3. 2021 EDC goal setting - brainstorming and planning (all)

The EDC discussed setting goals for 2021. Topics included re-visiting 2020 goals that were not pursued due to Covid restrictions. Several 2020 goals were discussed, and the committee decided to carry them forward to 2021. Preliminary 2021 goals can be found on the supporting goals attachment. Member M. Kulicke stressed the importance of developing a township business directory and volunteered to take the lead on this project.

Committee also discussed UMBT social media policy and asked our BoS Liaison to bring up the topic to the BoS.

4. Public Comment

BoS representative A. Defranco provided a brief overview of a pending lawsuit against UMBT related to the recent passage of a text amendment for the RPL development site along River Road.

Public comment was received from Richard Wilford-Hunt regarding the UMBT text amendment and generating a questions list for RPL Logistics regarding development plans on River Road.

Public comment was received from David Friedman regarding development plans on River Road.