

Upper Mount Bethel Economic Development Committee Monthly Meeting

April 22nd, 2021, 7pm

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

1. Approval of March meeting minutes – All

March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the committee. Several minor changes were requested and made. Motion to accept minutes was made by Bill Hall, seconded by Michael Kulicke.

2. LVEDC regional economic development update - A. Kleiner

Andrew Kleiner presented an overview of the LVEDC presentation titled “Regional Economic Outlook.” Topics included current trends in economic development in the Lehigh Valley, summary of development projects in the region, and an overview of workforce development in the region.

3. RPL site development update – Lou Pektor (tentative)

RPL representative L. Pektor discussed on-going activities at the River Road development site: including 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. Several prospective business tenants were discussed, although no tenants have officially signed agreements yet.

4. Final status of UMBT business directory and calls to businesses, and next steps – All

The business directory was previewed and finalized. The committee agreed to send the final file to the township for upload to the township website when technically feasible.

5. Discussion on potential local business gathering/symposium in May – All

The Committee discussed holding a business symposium at the township park in May. Items discussed included topics of discussion for the symposium, how to advertise for the event, format of the event, and whether food & beverages can be served

6. Public Comment

No public comment was noted

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