

**Upper Mt. Bethel Economic Development
Committee Monthly Meeting
Minutes
July 25 2024**

Attendees: Scott Cole
Anthony DeFranco
Bill Hall
Geoff Deen
Augie Percoco
Jonathan Erler- (B.O.S. audience)
Lou Pektor- (audience)
Michael Onufrak – (audience)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Roll Call was made. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was made and seconded. Another motion was made to approve the Minutes of the June Meeting was made and seconded.

The first order of business was a review of the Upper Mt. Bethel Tourism Map. 10,000 copies of the brochure were produced and approximately 5,000 copies have been distributed to various businesses in the community. We are exploring the possibility of placing some brochures at the visitors Center at the Delaware Water Gap as well as some other visitor areas in the area.

It was suggested that we speak to Cindy and develop a newsletter article that highlights the new brochure and lets residents know there is a new Local Business Directory available on the Township website listing many of the businesses that support our community

Mr. Lou Pektor was at the meeting and discussed the RPL industrial park. Mr. Pektor notified the committee that a 720,000 sf facility for food distribution was cancelled because they could not get a finalized date for the project. This is unfortunate in that the facility would have included a food market available to local residents. A Red Bull manufacturing facility amounting to 377,000 sf was also cancelled due to the inability to give them a completion date for permits. He expressed a concern that the delays are causing a problem for his company and their ability to attract manufacturing companies to the complex.

It was suggested that we have a meeting with the RPL team and some of the large businesses in the community.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.