

# MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**June 10, 2013**

**6:30 p.m.**

*In accordance with Act 98, 1998; Prior to the Economic Development Committee vote on any matter, the chairperson will allow for public comment on that particular item. Individuals wishing to be heard at that time please indicate so by raising your hand, and the Chairperson will recognize you... Cell Phones should be turned off when entering the meeting room.*

- 1. Call Meeting To Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2013, notes from May 22, 2013**
- 3. Guest: None**
- 4. Public Comment:**
- 5. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Demographics: Tim O./Bob H.- Identify sources, content, sub committee meeting
  - b. Survey project: Next action item
  - c. Business inventory/directory/contact book: No report
  - d. Bulk email list: Bob Hetu: Business cards to input, how to get to Bob
- 6. Old Business**
  - a. School Board LERTA Proposal: Next meeting attend? Outreach?
  - b. Grant application ideas: Exact content needed, for Supervisors
  - c. Social Networking Seminar: Bob Hetu, date selection
  - d. John Donahue meeting: June 12, 6:30 p.m. Township, questions ahead of time, review add or modify; additional committees attendance
  - e. Future seminars/workshops:
    1. Future events pending: Small Business Healthcare Seminar, August possible
  - f. Shop Local project: Introductory letter, review sample, create final letter, next steps
  - g. Book Warehouse update: Steve F.
  - h. Supervisors update: Report
  - i. Vision/Mission Statement: set workshop date for additional items, No report
  - j. Other
- 7. New Business**
  - a. Dine Around Town date/location
  - b. Planning Commission/Care program date: Fall likely
  - c. Job Fair: Subcommittee, target date, other suggestions
  - d. Other

**8. Items of General Interest**

**9. Dates to Remember**

- a. **EDC Meetings:**
  - June 12, 6:30 p.m. Workshop
  - July 9, 6:30 p.m. Regular EDC meeting
  
- b. **Board of Supervisor Meetings:**
  - June 13, 7 p.m.
  - June 27, 7 p.m.
  - July 11, 7 p.m.
  - July 25, 7 p.m.
  
- c. **Other Committees/Events:**
  - June 17, 7 p.m. Regional Park Meeting
  - June 19, 7 p.m. Litter and Beautification Meeting
  - June 20, 7 p.m. Planning Commission
  - June 24, 7 p.m. Historical Commission Meeting
  - July 17, 7 p.m. Litter and Beautification Meeting
  - July 17, 7 p.m. School Board Meeting
  - July 18, 7 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting
  - July 22, 7 p.m. Historical Commission Meeting
  - June 3, 6:15 p.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

**10. Public Comments**

**11. Adjourn**

**Revised: June 10, 2013**

# MIDDLE SMITHFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 13, 6:30 pm

**Meeting called to order:** 6:32 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2013.

**Present:** Debbie Kulick (Chairperson), Tim O'Donnell, Carrie Weatherby, Steve Feuer, Ed Regina, Parin Shah, Noreen Lowris, ad hoc member Angel Santos, Supervisors Mike Dwyer, Annette Atkinson.

**Absent:** Steve Van Why

**Excused:** Bob Hetu, Carl Wilgus

**2. Approval of April minutes:** Approved as read

**3. Guests:** Monroe County Planning Commission/ 2020 update postponed until June. (tentative).

**4. Public comment:** none

**5. Committee Reports:**

**A. Demographics:** No report

**B. Survey Project:** No report

**C. Business inventory/directory/contact book:**

a. Sources discussed: Pa State demographics, School District, Community Assoc. Inst., etc.

b. Debbie: EDC will collect business cards, a standard form letter w/demographics will be sent to potential businesses.

**D. Bulk Email List:** No report.

**6. Old Business:**

**A. School Board LERTA Proposal (next board meeting May 20, 7 pm):**

a. Debbie may join LERTA.

b. "Blight" requirement discussed and clarified.

Echo c. Meeting on May 22nd with Michael Baxter (to bring parcels together; Lake Tool Shop, etc.).

d. Discussion on requirements/qualification for parcel owners ("footprint-ready" concept, etc.)

**B. Grant application ideas for supervisors:** Annette reminded us that ideas/suggestions must have resources fleshed out in detail; deadline July.

**C. Social Networking Seminar:** Bob Hetu postponing date on this

**D. Future Seinars/workshops:**

NPS John Donahue, June 12, 6:30 pm

**E. Shop Local project:** We will have informed discussion at next month's meeting.

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**Economic Development Committee**  
**Meeting May 13, 2013**  
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**F. Book Warehouse update:** Steve F. reported business still interested in site.

**G. Supervisors' update report:** no report

**H. Vision/Mission Statement:** no report

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Dine Around Town:** Tres Amigos, Thurs, May 30, 6:30 pm

**B. Planning Commission/Care program:** appointment of executive board ; preparation work scheduled

**C. Billboard Inquiry:** under litigation

**8. Items of General Interest:** none

Meeting adjourned, 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Lowris  
Economic Development Committee  
Recording Secretary

## Questions for John Donahue

This is the list of questions currently being given to John Donahue:

### Questions/Issues for John Donahue

- 1) Will there be a second phase of reductions/closures at DWGNRA as a result of Sequestration? What could that be?
- 2) Future of commercial vehicle travel through the DWGNRA in 2015 and beyond? Is there a date when the truck ban would be reversed or is it a permanent ban through Congress? To ensure that local businesses can have access, what would have to happen?
- 3) What are John's thoughts about complementary businesses to the Parks operations that we should attempt to solicit to the area?
- 4) Does he know of any of his concessioners that might be interested in relocating closer to the Park office or opening an additional location in Middle Smithfield?
- 5) Would the NPS be willing to partner with the township's Historical Commission with a museum building? Perhaps the Schoonover House or another appropriate building within the Park and the township/near area?
- 6) Are there any plans for expanded camping areas within the park?