



## **Minutes: Economic Development Advisory Committee April 8th , 2019**

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Economic Development Advisory Committee was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Schoonover Municipal Building Joe Memoli (Chairperson) presiding, and Patrice Dume as recording secretary.

**Board Members:** Beverly Brown, Chris Barrett (absent), Joe Memoli, Anthony Homer and Gina Bertucci (absent)

### **Absent:**

**Township Staff:** Annette Atkinson, Supervisor/Admin & Ops Dir., Patrice Dume, Economic Development Manager

**Township Residents/Guests:**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm with Joe Memoli presiding.

### **Minutes and Agenda**

- Joe motioned to accept the March meeting notes, Beverly Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 -0.

### **Correspondence**

- No correspondence

### **New Business**

#### **St. Lukes**

- Anthony Homer mentioned that he was able to get in contact with the president of St. Luke's and he worked on a PowerPoint to show the president on the day of the meeting.
- There was general discussion about the PowerPoint.
- Patrice mentioned that Joe should go with Anthony to the meeting and report back to the committee.

#### **Foxmor Property Update**

- Patrice mentioned that Annette and she had a meeting with the owner of the foxmor property.
- Annette mentioned how they want to reduce expenses and increase income.
- Patrice mentioned that his property is a KIZ property and explained what Keystone Innovation Zone met. She also mentioned that the owner, Dr. Rayasam would like to see a chain restaurant or Aldi or pebbles go at that property.
- There was general discussion about that property and existing businesses and what businesses the committee would like to see come to the township.

## **Old Business**

### **Restaurant Week Recap**

- There was general discussion about different changes that can be made for the next year for the next kick-off event.
- Patrice mentioned that some changes will be made next year: We will eliminate wine pairings at the tables, give it as a suggestion. We also plan to eliminate the bags. We plan to charge admission next year probably 5 dollars.
- Anthony mentioned that all the kickoff events he's been to in the past in other states have charged admission.
- There was general discussion about how the program is getting more popular and how restaurants were satisfied with the outcome of the program.

### **Announcements:**

### **Discussion:**

### **Public Comments:**

**Next meeting date: June 10th at 6:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.**