



Minutes: Economic Development Advisory Committee April 8th , 2019

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Economic Development Advisory Committee was held on March 18th 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 peebles 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.