

Economic Development Committee Minutes

March 1, 2016

Committee Members in Attendance: Chairman Doug Callantine, Jim Marshall, Charles Kahn Jr., Dave Mulvey, Karen Wiley Sandler, Judith Kratka, Christopher Lionetti, Bill Meyerowitz, Mike McPaul, Randee Elton, Matt Vahey, Erin Vizza, Liz Smith, Richard Gaglianese, Jack Loew, Wendy Klinghoffer, Kent Baird, Michael Markman, and Tara Wehmeyer.

In Attendance: Commissioner John Spiegelman, Commissioner Myers,

Excused: Bruce Goodman

Not In Attendance: N/A

Note: The EDC is strictly an advisory committee and takes no action on township matters required under state legislation. EDC meetings are essentially a workshop environment for ED policies, programs, or projects which develop over a considerable length of time. When finalized, programs and projects are presented for public discussion to the Commissioners under the Public Affairs agenda. As such, minutes are summary in nature and not verbatim.

Agenda Item EDC - 1: Welcome

Chairman Doug Callantine opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and introducing the three newly appointed EDC members: Liz Smith, Matt Vahey, and Erin Vizza. All three bring various qualifications to the committee. The EDC is eager for the three of them to begin working with the committee and offering their individual expertise's.

Agenda Item EDC - 2: Standard Press Steel Technologies - POSTPONED

Agenda Item EDC - 3: Business Resource Guide

The updated business resource guide and quick reference guide have been distributed and posted to the township website. The guides were created to assist local businesses and those interested in opening a business in Abington Township.

Agenda Item EDC - 4: New Business

Doug Callantine will present an EDC quarterly report at the April 6, 2016 Public Affairs Committee Meeting.

Agenda Item EDC - 5: Old Business

- a. Old York Rd / Susquehanna Rd Project: A Multimodal grant was submitted to DCED and also to PennDOT for Phase 1 of the Old York Rd/Susquehanna Rd project. The grant award announcements have been put on hold until the state finalizes its budget.
- b. Penn State Abington Innovation Incubator Project: Penn State Abington received one of 6 seed grant awards from INVENT Penn State to support the innovation incubator pilot program to start initially at Abington Art Center with the hope to transition to some corridor space or to the college in the future.

Agenda Item EDC - 6: Schedule Presenters for upcoming EDC meetings:

A list of potential presenters for upcoming EDC meetings was created. The idea was designed to find out what the future plans are for the presenter/business, what their thoughts and ideas are moving forward, how we, as the EDC, can in cooperate the vision into our future plans. The list, subject to additions and not limited to, is:

1. Standard Press Steel (SPS)
2. Baederwood Shopping Center
3. Developer's Diversified
4. YMCA
5. Penn State
6. Jim Scully
7. Abington Hospital
8. Franklin Residential - Steven Balin
9. Abington Art Center
- ~~10. Abington School District - Feb. 2 EDC meeting~~
- ~~11. Abington Shopping Center - Sept. EDC meeting~~
- ~~12. Rydal Park - Nov. EDC meeting~~
- ~~13. Willow Grove Park Mall - PREIT - Jan. EDC meeting~~

Next EDC Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30AM

Respectfully Submitted:
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