

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 3, 2017

**Re:** Monthly Meeting

**Attendance:** Manager Richard J. Manfredi, Chairman Doug Callantine, Commissioners John Spiegelman and Jimmy DiPlacido, Charles Kahn, Jr., Damian Fernandez, Dave Mulvey, Richard Gaglianese, Bruce Goodman, Linda Millevoi, Jim Marshall, Liz Smith, Mike McPaul, Matt Vahey, Michael Markman, Wendy Klinghoffer, Van Strother, Maria Wyrsta

**Background:** The Economic Development Committee is strictly an advisory committee and takes no action on Township matters required under state legislation. Economic Development Committee meetings are essentially a workshop environment for Economic Development 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.

### **General Discussion:**

- Welcome
- Due to Election Day, the November Economic Development Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
- Doug Callantine introduced the Township Manager and asked each Economic Development Committee member to introduce themselves and their organization.
- Township Manager, Richard J. Manfredi, gave a brief verbal description of his background and experience.
- Members of the Vacant Property Review Board Committee scheduled a walk along Easton Road in Roslyn on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> to check the conditions of vacant properties. Three new commercial properties were added.
- Commissioner Spiegelman gave an update on property acquisition for continuing negotiations with 1100/1102 Old York Road. A brief discussion on the Patane property. Medi-Plex will be occupying the Reeves property on Old York Road.
- The Township Line Road Update
  - Public Works has made adjustments to some of the existing decorative pole lights
  - Suggestion was made to have LED replacement globes for energy efficiency
  - Setup of initial meeting to be scheduled with business/property owners and to include Commissioners DiPlacido and Rothman
- Informational Presentation by the architect and developer of the Hightop Real Estate and Development Group for property located at 1647 Old York Road (across from McDonalds) proposing for 28 Residential Apartment Units and 38 parking stalls and no age restricted. Four stories facing Old York Road and three stories facing at the rear of Ferndale Avenue. The Zoning

- Text Amendment will be presented to the full Board at the November's Board of Commissioner's meeting.
- Township Manager Manfredi gave a briefing on the Township's Professional Services Agreement process.
- Grants
  - Consider two business' that desire a grant for November's meeting
  - Township will be tracking all grants
- New Business
  - Penn State released Request for Proposal for a new building. Government funded project of \$40 Million, project cost is \$50 Million.
  - Rydal Park - to build 85 cottages for independent living
  - Noble Station - PennDOT - SEPTA to extend platform, rebuilt the stairs at Starbucks side
- Old Business
  - YMCA update

**Next Monthly Meeting: November 14, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.**

**Abington Township Board of Commissioners Room**