

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009

Present: Greg Caiola, Supervisor Liaison
Ellen Slott Fisher, Member
Robert Smith, Member

Margaret Fine Levy, Member
Edmund Kuszmar, Member

Also in attendance: Terry Fedorchak, Lower Makefield Township Manager

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Committee of Lower Makefield Township was called to order at 7:35PM.

Meet and Greet – The meet and greet is scheduled for February 17, 5-7PM, at McCaffrey's. It was decided that there should be a sign-in table, with someone arriving at McCaffrey's by 4:30 to staff the table, and sign in early arrivals. Ed volunteered to take the early shift. Ellie will also arrive early, as she is providing an easel and some markers and name tags. Terry will create a master list of attendees; people will be checked off of this list as they arrive. In addition to the list of attendees, Terry's document will include the EDC mission statement, as well as contact info (Terry's e-mail), the fact that LMT is a member of LBCC, and special dates.

Greg will open the presentation part of the event at 5:30, by introducing the members of the Economic Development Committee, Clark Shuster, Executive Director of the LBCC, and Jim McCaffrey. Then, Bob will give an overview of the map project. Greg has spoken to Cam Troilo, owner of part of the Edgewood Village property, and Carter Van Dyke, the architect for the Edgewood Village project; they will have plans on display, will give a short overview of the status of the project and will be available to answer questions. In addition, a representative from the Veterans Memorial Committee will be on hand to speak about the Committee's March 22 fundraiser. It was suggested that Greg talk to Matt Fleischmann of the Yardley News about covering the meet and greet.

Greg will close by asking people to get back to the EDC if they are interested in starting a Yardley Business Association-type organization in LMT. Ellie suggested that a leader may emerge for such an organization while they are mingling, during the first part of the meet and greet.

Ed suggested that they give an update on Matrix and the Frankford Hospital. Rather than a formal presentation of information on Matrix, Greg and Terry will make themselves available to answer any questions that arise. Greg mentioned that there has to be a modification of the agreement with the Matrix people. He will see if the EDC can see the land development plan before it goes to the BOS. Greg will add Matrix to the agenda for the next EDC meeting.

Map Project - Bob has been compiling fast facts for LMT but decided not to introduce them at the meet and greet but, rather, make them part of the map. The next phase of the map project is to gather info and pictures on points of interest. Terry will send Bob a calendar of events. Jeanne will call Matt Fleischmann re pictures from the farmers' markets. It was suggested that a letter from EDC should be inside the maps.

The question was raised about businesses attending LMT's Community Pride Day and/or the farmers' markets, and/or planning another meet and greet for the Fall. It was suggested that presenting an award to one of the businesses could be part of an event.

The February 9, 2009 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting will be held at the LMT municipal building on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary