

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2011

Present: Robert Smith, Chairman Margaret Fine Levy
 Edmund Kuszmar, Vice Chair Pete Stainthorpe, BOS Liaison

The November 29, 2011 meeting of LMT's Economic Development Commission was called to order at 7:30PM.

Review of Summary Minutes from the October 25, 2011 Meeting – The October 25, 2011 EDC minutes were approved unanimously as written.

LMT Election Results and Supervisor's Report – Mr. Stainthorpe gave an overview of LMT's election results. He also provided an explanation of the procedure, set by state law, which will be used to replace Supervisor Maloney, who has resigned from the BOS. The Supervisors will interview the six applicants on November 30 and vote during the first meeting in December. There must be three votes for an applicant to win. If there is no agreement on the replacement within 30 days, the Vacancy Chair will have a vote. If there is still no agreement within 15 days, a judge on the Court of Common Pleas will decide.

Correspondence from Rep. Santarsiero re: DEP Storm Relief Grants for Small Businesses – Mr. Smith reported that the information received from State Representative Santarsiero's office will be posted on the LMT homepage.

Old Business – At the October 25 meeting, there was agreement that the EDC should explore a print and/or online business directory but not a printed map. Mr. Smith reported that Target Communications will not do an online map without also doing a printed map. Mr. Smith will pursue other options.

In response to a question about the status of the Aria Hospital project, Mr. Stainthorpe reported that the project will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board again in January.

In the Spring, Mr. Smith will begin work on the brochure suggested by Mr. Stainthorpe.

Mrs. Bray reported that, at a recent meeting, the Environmental Advisory Council agreed to hold a second Green Vendor Expo in the Spring of 2013. She also reported that the first project of the EAC Cool Cities program will be Buy Local, Buy Green. Mrs. Bray will be on the committee working on this project. Mr. Smith said it is a project that is in line with the EDC mission and that he would like to be kept informed as it moves forward.

There was some discussion of liquor licenses. Mr. Stainthorpe suggested that the local businesses should initiate any effort to overturn the ban on liquor licenses in the Township. Mrs. Levy would like LMT to bring the Overgaard Brew House into the Township, perhaps into one of the empty buildings in the Kohl's shopping center, now that Yardley Borough has voted against it.

New Business – It was agreed that there would be two meet and greets in 2012, one in Spring and one in Fall. Mr. Smith suggested two possible locations – Shady Brook Farm and the atrium of one of the BPG buildings. He would like to use the Spring meet and greet as an opportunity to introduce our elected officials, including Robert Loughery, the newly elected County Commissioner. Mr. Smith would also like to invite Cam Troilo Jr. or Senior to our January meeting for an update on Edgewood Village.

With no further business to discuss, the November 29, 2011 meeting of the EDC was adjourned at 8:40PM. The next meeting of the EDC will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 7:30PM in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary