

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

Present: Greg Caiola, Supervisor Liaison
Ellen Scott Fisher, Member
Margaret Fine Levy, Member

Cindy Osofsky, Member
Robert Smith, Member

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Committee of Lower Makefield Township was called to order at 7:40PM.

Map – Bob announced that we now have our own web page, on the map maker's server. He passed it around for the group to review. Cindy asked whether we had given the maps to realtors; Bob replied that only one realtor had advertised in the map; most realtors do their own, regional maps. We have already distributed more than half of the maps, with 4300 remaining. 3,000 went out to advertisers, as well as to some political offices, municipal offices, Makefield Highlands Golf Course, the tax collector's office, 500 to the Bucks County Performing Arts Center, and 100 or so to the flea market. Many of the remaining maps will be given out at Community Pride Day and the Veterans Parade and some farmers' markets. The maps have been very well received by the residents; Bob was thanked for all of his hard work on the project.

501(3)(c) – Bob asked Greg about a recent discussion of 501(3)(c)s. Greg explained that the Veterans Committee and Historical Commission now qualify as 501(3)(c)s, meaning that people can write tax-deductible checks to them. It was mentioned that the Historical Commission is exploring the idea of turning one or more of the houses on Patterson Farm into a designer home(s) on a temporary basis. Ellie mentioned that designer homes are intended to be fixed up and then sold. Greg said that there has to be a comprehensive plan developed for the Patterson Farm; Greg feels strongly that it needs to be kept intact. Right now, among other things, it is used for leaf recycling. It was suggested that, when Elm Lowne is sold, the money could be used to enhance the other homes. There has been discussion with the PGA about taking over the house on Makefield Highlands, but they do not seem willing to put the necessary money into fixing it up.

Meet and Greet – It was suggested that it might be a good idea to do another meet and greet, since there are more business addresses available now. The preferred time would be after work one day in September or October. Bob asked the Committee members to look at their calendars and come up with some dates. Greg will check with Clark Shuster of the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

Liquor Licenses – It was suggested that an EDC agenda, in the near future, should include an item regarding liquor licenses in LMT. It was suggested that the residents could be polled in 2010, in part through the web site.

Old Business – Ellie asked about the Wachovia Bank that was asking for longer ATM hours. Greg will check but he thinks that was approved.

New Business – Ellie was congratulated on her new book that will be published in January; this will be her third.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on August 28, 2009. Bob suggested we have it at the Makefield Highlands Golf Course; everyone thought that was a good idea, as long as there is no charge. If the meeting is held there, the starting time might have to be pushed back. If there is a need for discussion in the meantime, Bob has access to conference call equipment.

With no further business to discuss, the June 8, 2009 meeting of the Economic Development Committee was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary