

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
April 27, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Smith, Chairman Cynthia Osofsky
 Ellen Slott Fisher, Vice Chair Peter Stainthorpe, BOS Liaison
 Margaret Fine Levy

Absent: Edmund Kuszmar

The April 27, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Smith, at 7:40PM.

Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2010 Meeting – The March 23, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

Alexander Kuhn, Eagle Scout Signage Project – Mr. Kuhn was asked by the Historical Commission’s Helen Heinz to make Lower Makefield Township welcome signs as his Eagle Scout project. He presented his proposal for 8 signs, at a cost of \$377.20, along with suggested locations for the signs, to the April 21 Board of Supervisors meeting. Subsequently, Mr. Stainthorpe invited Mr. Kuhn to present his plan to the EDC members at their meeting of April 27. Mr. Stainthorpe said that the Board of Supervisors likes to support these kinds of projects and thinks the Board would be behind Mr. Kuhn. The EDC praised Mr. Kuhn for his willingness to take on this project. After discussion of the best way to incorporate Mr. Kuhn’s project into the signage project which the Economic Development Commission has been working on, it was recommended to Mr. Kuhn that he consider making 6 signs, 3 for River Road and 3 for Yardley-Morrisville Road, after he has gotten all necessary approvals. He thanked the EDC for their input and left the meeting.

Matters of Interest from the Board of Supervisors – Mr. Stainthorpe reported that there has been activity on some of LMT’s historical properties. Elm Lowne is being advertised for bid and will probably be sold in June. Most of the interest thus far has been in purchase for use as a private property. Re the Satterhwaite House, the Historical Commission suggested that the BOS consider leasing the house to a resident curator; the BOS suggested that they develop this idea further. A veterinarian who specializes in horses, is interested in starting an equine hospital on Patterson Farm. The Township is negotiating with Artists of Yardley for a long term lease on the main house in exchange for sweat equity; the Artists are in the process of laying out their plan.

Publicis and other Announcements – Mr. Smith reported that State Representative Steve Santarsiero announced that Publicis Healthcare Communications is moving into Floral Vale in Lower Makefield, and will be employing about 200 people. Mr. Smith also reported that Bruce Iacobucci, President and CEO of First Federal of Bucks County, will announce at the EDC’s Spring Meet and Greet that First Federal will also be moving their administrative offices into Floral Vale.

Meet and Greet - Mr. Smith reported that the Makefield Highland Golf Course management team is excited about having the Meet and Greet at their site, and have, in fact, been cleaning and decorating in

preparation. Mr. Smith distributed the draft agenda for the event, and mentioned that there are 40 people registered. It is expected there could be as many as 50 in attendance.

Report to the Board of Supervisors - Mr. Smith and Ms. Fisher will present a report on the work of the EDC to the Board of Supervisors at the May 5, 2010 meeting, including an update on the EDC's work to-date on a Gateway Signage Program.

Upcoming -

Sunrise at Lower Makefield – Mr. Smith reported that he will represent the EDC at an event at Sunrise on May 5 at 4PM. Representatives from Sunrise have attended the last two EDC Meet and Greets.

Edgewood Village Briefing for Congressman Murphy's Staff – Mr. Smith reported that the briefing for the Congressman's staff, regarding the grant application for money to find connecting sewers in Edgewood Village, is scheduled for May 6 at 3PM. He and Ms. Fine-Levy will participate.

With no further business to discuss, the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission was adjourned at 8:50PM. The next meeting of the EDC will be held on May 25, 2010, at 7:30PM in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary