

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

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

The July 27, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Smith, at 7:30PM.

Approval of minutes from the June 22, 2010 meeting – The minutes of the June 22, 2010 EDC meeting were unanimously approved, as written.

Public comment – There were no members of the public in attendance.

Summary of recent activity/events – Mr. Smith made members aware of an invitation from Laura Foulds of PA American Water Company for two EDC members to attend a lunch meeting at Carlucci's Grill along with members of the Yardley Business Association and PA American executives. Ms. Levy and Mr. Kuszmar indicated that they would likely attend (and subsequently confirmed their attendance).

Report from the Board of Supervisors – Mr. Stainthorpe reported on the proposed subdivision of Paterson Farm which would separate the 5.2-acre Satterthwaite homestead from the 177-acre farm. The homestead includes an old house, a barn and two smaller outbuildings. The goal is to put the parcel out for public bid. The BOS has heard preliminary proposals from a veterinarian who would like to open an equine hospital. This subdivision will have no impact on current agricultural use.

The BOS is moving ahead to refinance \$5.5 million in debt which will save the township \$300,000 to \$350,000 overall. Mr. Stainthorpe indicated that the BOS is trying to get its financial house in order and has created a culture of watching spending. Every department is on budget despite cuts.

A public deer hunt is to begin in September with local group of archers expecting to harvest 200 deer.

Fall Meet and Greet – Mr. Smith is working with Sunrise Assisted living on possible dates in October or November at Sunrise for the next Meet and Greet and has invited Tom Morr, President and CEO of Select Greater Philadelphia (www.selectgreaterphiladelphia.com) to give a brief presentation.

Old Business – Mr. Kuszmar asked about the status of the sign project. Mr. Smith responded that he is working to set up a meeting with the Township Manager to talk about how to proceed in terms of bids, sponsors etc.

The Members voted unanimously to cancel the August meeting due to vacation schedules and Mr. Smith indicated that he would notify the Township Manager's office. There being no further business to discuss, the July 27, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission was adjourned at 8:10PM. The next EDC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 7:30PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Slott Fisher, Vice Chairperson