

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
May 26, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Smith, Chairman Cynthia Osofsky
Margaret Fine Levy Peter Stainthorpe, BOS Liaison

Absent: Ellen Slott Fisher, Vice Chair; Edmund Kuszmar

Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2010 Meeting- The April 27, 2010 Economic Development Commission meeting minutes were approved unanimously, as written.

Summary of Recent Activity/Events –

- EDC Meet and Greet of April 28 – It was agreed that the meet & greet was a success. The management of the Makefield Highland Golf Course was very welcoming. Mr. Smith suggested it might be worthwhile to try postal invitations to supplement the email and fax invitations, for the next meet and greet. He asked that everyone consider ideas for the venue, date, and speakers for the Fall 2010 meet and greet. He suggested they ask Thomas Morr, president and CEO of Select Greater Philadelphia, again, to speak, and consider Sunrise Assisted Living as a possible venue. It was suggested that there be more networking time built in to future meet and greets and that speakers be very clear about the amount of time they should speak.
- Report to the BOS 5/5 – Mr. Smith provided a report on the EDC's activities to the Board of Supervisors at their May 5 meeting.
- Event at Sunrise 5/5 – Mr. Smith briefly attended a presentation at Sunrise on May 5 and was impressed with the facility; they have offered to have the next meet and greet there.
- Edgewood Village Briefing for Congressman Murphy's Staff 5/6 – Representatives from LMT, including Mr. Fedorchak, Mr. Majewski and Mr. Smith, as well as Mr. C.T. Troilo, a developer of Edgewood Crossing, presented an overview of the project to Mr. Nat Binns - Congressman Murphy's district director. Mr. Binns, will look for grant opportunities to support the project.

Upcoming Events/Activity –

- Mr. Smith was notified of two job fairs Congressman Patrick Murphy's office is sponsoring, one on June 26 from 1-4PM at Oxford Valley Mall, and the other on July 13, from 1-4 at Truman High School in Levittown. Mr. Smith was asked for ideas on which LMT businesses should be invited.

Report from the Board of Supervisors –

- Mr. Stainthorpe reported that final approval had been given to Octagon, to build four, relatively small, office/ medical buildings. He believes the age restricted housing at the site is still a long way off, because of the real estate market. Approval was also given to Edgewood Crossing which will feature an ice cream store, deli, bank and small office building, planned for the corner of Stony Hill and Langhorne-Yardley Roads.
- Mr. Stainthorpe also mentioned that the Township policy, which states that LMT committees should not contact Township solicitor and engineers directly, but instead go through the board chairman or BOS liaison, was reiterated at the BOS meeting.

Report on Connections Made for the MOST Program – Ms. Osofsky reported that the woman who runs the Pennsbury School District's MOST program has been cold calling businesses to get jobs for children in the program. She has had some success. Mr. Smith suggested that the schools should be advertising this program, and that representatives should be attending the EDC meet and greets, as well as Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce meetings. Mr. Stainthorpe offered to contact Paul Long, Pennsbury's Superintendent, regarding the program.

New Business - Mr. Smith reported that BPG, property manager for the Lower Makefield Corporate Center had signed up with Bucks TMA, which will allow their tenants to utilize the Newtown rushbus to get them between Woodbourne Station and the Lower Makefield Corporate Center, at no cost. Mr. Smith will make sure that information is communicated via our LinkedIn group. Mr. Stainthorpe and Mr. Smith will attend the next meeting of TMA.

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson of Disabled Persons Advisory Council, advised the EDC that the DPAC has decided to initiate an award program for local businesses who have been supportive of persons with disabilities. Mr. Smith said that the EDC will take advantage of any opportunities to publicize this information.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:30PM at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary