

Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2010

Present: Edmund Kuszmar Robert F. Smith, Chairman
Margaret Fine Levy Peter Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Smith called the September 28, 2010 meeting of LMT's Economic Development Commission to order at 7:35PM.

The first order of business was approval of the minutes from the July 27, 2010 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Summary of Recent Activities and Events -Mr. Smith reported on his meeting with LMT Manager, Terry Fedorchak, regarding the process and procedures that should be used to move forward on the signage project. Mr. Fedorchak will get back to Mr. Smith with the information. Mr. Smith also mentioned that Eagle Scout Candidate, Alexander Kuhn, had called to say that the signs he has been working on are almost complete. Mr. Smith suggested he reach out to Mr. Fedorchak, LMT Supervisor Ron Smith, or Mrs. Heinz, of the Historical Commission.

Mr. Smith distributed flyers advertising the November 10, 2010 Meet and Greet, sponsored by the Economic Development Commission. It will be held at Sunrise Assisted Living from 5:30-7:00PM. Mr. Thomas Morr, of Select Greater Philadelphia, will be the Guest Speaker. In the future, perhaps for the Spring Meet and Greet, Mr. Smith would like to mail invitations to business owners for whom we do not have e-mail addresses. For the Spring Meet and Greet, Mr. Smith is considering using one of the BPG buildings or the Shady Brook property.

Report from the Board of Supervisors - Mr. Stainthorpe spoke about the deer hunt in Lower Makefield Township, for which they are using archers. He said it is not decided if they will also use sharpshooters. There are families in Maplevale, one of the areas targeted for hunting, who petitioned the Board of Supervisors in opposition to hunting in their neighborhood.

Mr. Stainthorpe reported that the Township has refinanced some additional debt.

Matrix – A new plan, with 20 additional units, has been presented by Toll Brothers. The Environmental Advisory Council has some concerns with the additional units. Occupancy is targeted for 2011.

Golf Course – An appeal to the Commonwealth Court resulted in letting the ruling of the Common Pleas Court stand. The Township will owe \$3.1mm to the family whose farm was taken for the golf course. The Township may appeal to the State Supreme Court.

New Business – Ms. Levy and Mr. Kuszmar reported on a round table discussion they attended at the invitation of Laura Folds of the American Water Company. The discussion centered on ways that the Company can accommodate the Township. They are interested in attending the meet and greet and exploring ways they can partner with the EDC. Mr. Smith will get in touch with Ms. Folds.

There was discussion of the Yardley Business Association and the fact that some businesses, residing in LMT, are members. Mr. Smith will talk to the YBA about sharing their list with the EDC.

Mr. Smith will pursue the idea of scheduling regular meetings with chairs of the Township volunteer committees, to share information and ideas. He suggested that they might also want to establish a volunteer award.

Mr. Smith distributed Marketbeat, a Philadelphia business magazine, in which two BPG properties were mentioned. Marketbeat had nominated BPG for best real estate projects of 2009, in the green building category.

Ms. Huchler-Smith, Chair of the Disabled Persons Advisory Council, reported on the DPAC plan to establish an award, to be given to a Lower Makefield Township business each year, which has met or exceeded expectations with respect to people with disabilities. Ms. Huchler-Smith will discuss it at the October 20 Board of Supervisors meeting and say a few words at the meet and greet. Mr. Smith said he will add it to LinkedIn when the wording is finalized.

With no further business to discuss, the September 28, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission was adjourned at 8:25pm. The next meeting of the EDC will be held at the LMT municipal building, on October 26, at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary