Lower Makefield Township
Economic Development Commission
March 22, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Smith, Chairman
Edmund Kuszmar, Vice Chairman
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Mr. Smith called the March 22, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 7:30PM. The first order of business was to review the minutes from the February 22, 2011 meeting. Because there was not a quorum present, this was deferred until the April meeting.

Online Map Project – This project was approved at the Mach 16, 2011 BOS meeting, where Mr. Smith presented an overview. Mr. Smith will draft a letter to be sent to the businesses, and will check with the Map Project to see if they want to send it out. Mr. Stainthorpe suggested the EDC might want an e-mail address unique to this project. The map will start with LMT businesses only, then expand to surrounding municipalities, if necessary. It was suggested that the LMT Tax Collector might be able to provide Mr. Smith with a complete list of LMT businesses.

Gateway Signs – In response to a question about managing funds received from sign sponsors, Mr. Stainthorpe said that the money would go in a separate account. Mr. Smith will ask Mr. Fedorchak about setting up the account. Mr. Smith will talk to sponsors and the sign vendor.

Collaboration with Yardley Business Association – Bobbie Moore, Vice Chair of the YBA and Chair of the Membership Committee, was in attendance. Mr. Smith had invited her to attend the meeting, to explore ways in which they might collaborate. There was discussion of objectives important to both groups, including keeping the economy healthy, supporting local businesses, and helping to keep commercial offices filled. Mr. Smith suggested that they talk on a regular basis, and perhaps attend each others' meetings. He said that the EDC would be happy to encourage LMT businesses to join the YBA and suggested that they exchange lists.

With no further business to discuss, the March 22, 2011 Economic Development Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. The next meeting of the EDC will be held on April 26, 2011, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary