

Lower Makefield Township  
Economic Development Commission  
April 22, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Present:	Jesse Levy, Chairperson	David Schmid
	Ellen Slott Fisher, Vice Chairperson	Robert Smith
	Margaret Fine Levy	Pete Stainthorpe, BOS Liaison

Mr. Levy called the April 22, 2014 meeting of the Economic Development Commission to order at 7:40PM.

**New Member Introduction** - The first order of business was to welcome Mr. Schmid, recently appointed to the EDC, to his first meeting.

**LMT Business Survey Review and Approval** – There was discussion of the draft survey. Some wording was revised, and it was agreed that it should be a self-mailer, which can be folded to be returned. The County will pick up the returned surveys and collate the responses.

**Discuss Meet and Greet** – After discussion, it was agreed that the next meet and greet should be in the form of a breakfast, at a location in Lower Makefield, and that Bob Loughery, Chair of the Bucks County Commissioners, would be a compelling guest speaker. Mr. Levy will reach out to some local restaurants regarding a date in September or October.

**Social Media Update** – The EDC Twitter account now has 40 followers. Mr. Smith asked for additional material from EDC members. He explained that the reason for the account was to generate interest in Lower Makefield among site selectors. It was agreed that everything the EDC prints should include a message about following us on Twitter, and that a message should be added to the LMT website.

**2014 Initiatives** – Among the 2014 initiatives are the Fall Meet and Greet, follow-through on the survey, and getting feedback from new businesses about their experiences in LMT. In addition, Mr. Stainthorpe will arrange a tour of Bright Farms in the next month.

**Supervisors Update** –

**Capstone** – Capstone asked to meet with the Supervisors to discuss their concern about building new offices, given the amount of vacant office space in the Township. They made a case for replacing some of the office space with residential rental apartments.

PECO – State Representative Steve Santarsiero will be in attendance at the next BOS meeting to talk about the power problems that have resulted from recent storms.

Quiet Zones – The Township is working with CSX and Septa on the noise abatement issue at LMT's three railroad crossings.

With no further business to discuss, the April 22, 2014 meeting of the Economic Development Commission adjourned at 8:50PM. The next meeting of the EDC will be held on May 20, at 7:30PM, in the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Levy, Chairperson