

WAYNE TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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MINUTES of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING March 19, 2014
Mayor's Conference Room

Attendees: John Szabo, William Hanse, Frank DiPasqua, Caryn Luberto, Patti Tahan, George Tahan, Jr., Howard Weinberg, Michael Flower, Deborah Hoffman, Pat DeDeo, James Jimenez

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting commenced at 8:33 am.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the EDC meetings on January 15, 2014 and February 19, 2014 were received and adopted. Mrs. Tahan moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Weinberg seconded. All approved.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mission Statement and Action Plan
 - i. It was discussed that it would be useful to have a budget for the EDC to accomplish some of the goals and actions. Mr. Jimenez noted that the EDC would need to have a clear Mission Statement and Action Plan, if it expected to be included in the budget.
 - ii. Action Plan Discussion – It was discussed that the items for action for 2014 will be the following:
 1. Corporate breakfast in October – Mrs. Luberto noted that Thomas Bracken, President NJ Chamber of Commerce, accepted our invitation to be the speaker on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.
 2. Update and additions to the EDC page(s) on the Wayne Township website – It was noted that the site needs to be updated, but we need the resources to complete it. It was discussed to possibly find a paid intern from a William Paterson to work on the updates.
 3. Present an Economic Development report to the Council.
 4. Utilize a public relations firm to promote Economic Development in Wayne.
 5. Develop plans for retention of businesses and company visits.
 6. Organize a Business Fair for the fall. Mrs. Tahan suggested a tagline of “Wayne is Open for Business”.
2. It was decided that we would put together a Mission Statement and Action Plan to be emailed to everyone before the next meeting. This way we can comment on it and finalize at the next meeting.
3. Mr. Szabo added to his thoughts from last meeting about current trends in planning and redevelopment of sites in the township. Mr. DiPasqua asked how COAH affects the Master Plan for Wayne. Mr. Szabo explained that we have complied with the first two rounds and we have received credit in the 3rd round for progress in the first two rounds.

The expectation is that there will be a solution by the fall. The township is waiting until then to complete Master plan.

4. We need to determine an Honoree for the Corporate Breakfast. Michael Hulse at American Woodworking was suggested at a previous meeting. Mr. Tahan will review the accomplishments of American Woodworking at the next meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. DeDeo mentioned that there is a new Dean of the Business School at William Paterson. One of the new Dean's goals is to get involved in the communities surrounding the university. Mr. DeDeo also suggested that any internship should be paid. He noted that a large majority of their students work jobs while they attend the university.
2. Mr. Jimenez noted that there will be 3 new seats added to the EDC. In addition, the President of the Tri County Chamber of Commerce will be added to the commission as a voting member.
3. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014.

- D. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted, March 28, 2014 by Michael Flower