

## **Economic Development Committee Minutes**

**April 5, 2016**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Chairman Doug Callantine, Jim Marshall, Charles Kahn Jr., Bruce Goodman, Dave Mulvey, Karen Wiley Sandler, Judith Kratka, Bill Meyerowitz, Randee Elton, Matt Vahey, Erin Vizza, Liz Smith, Wendy Klinghoffer, Kent Baird, Michael Markman, and Tara Wehmeyer.

**In Attendance:** Commissioner John Spiegelman

**Excused:** Richard Gaglianese, Christopher Lionetti, Mike McPaul

**Not In Attendance:** N/A

**Note:** The EDC is strictly an advisory committee and takes no action on township matters required under state legislation. EDC meetings are essentially a workshop environment for ED policies, programs, or projects which develop over a considerable length of time. When finalized, programs and projects are presented for public discussion to the Commissioners under the Public Affairs agenda. As such, minutes are summary in nature and not verbatim.

### **Agenda Item EDC - 1: Welcome**

Chairman Doug Callantine opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. The general manager from SPS was scheduled to present at the meeting, but had to cancel last minute.

### **Agenda Item EDC - 2: Standard Press Steel Technologies - POSTPONED**

### **Agenda Item EDC - 3: Economic Development Partnership with Penn State**

Penn State Abington received one of 6 seed grant awards from INVENT Penn State to support the innovation incubator pilot program to start initially at Abington Art Center with the hope to transition to some corridor space or to the college in the future.

There was a ribbon cutting at the Abington Art Center for the Innovation Incubator Project which was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Penn State, Abington Township/EDC, and the Abington Art Center will continue to collaborate on the Innovation Incubator Project.

Visit: <http://www.fabington.org> for more.

#### **Agenda Item EDC - 4: EDC / Abington Township Planning Collaboration**

The Abington Township Planning Commission and the EDC plan to collaborate and work more closely on projects and concepts moving forward.

#### **Agenda Item EDC - 5: New Business**

- a. YMCA Update - the YMCA is currently looking at a property in Upper Moreland Township to relocate.
- b. EDC General Report to Public Affairs Committee - Presented by Doug Callantine on 4/6/16
- c. Abington Town Hall - Weds. May 25th
  - Hosted by Rydal Meadowbrook Civic Association

Presentations:

Penn State Abington/Abington Arts Center  
Abington Jefferson Health  
Abington School District

#### **Agenda Item EDC - 5: Old Business**

- a. Old York Rd / Susquehanna Rd Project: A Multimodal grant was submitted to DCED and also to PennDOT for Phase 1 of the Old York Rd/Susquehanna Rd project. The grant award announcements have been put on hold until the state finalizes its budget.

#### **Agenda Item EDC - 6: Schedule Presenters for upcoming EDC meetings:**

A list of potential presenters for upcoming EDC meetings was created. The idea was designed to find out what the future plans are for the presenter/business, what their thoughts and ideas are moving forward, how we, as the EDC, can cooperate the vision into our future plans. The list, subject to additions and not limited to, is:

1. Standard Press Steel (SPS)
2. Baederwood Shopping Center
3. Developer's Diversified
4. YMCA
5. Penn State

6. Jim Scully
7. Abington Hospital
8. Franklin Residential - Steven Balin
9. Abington Art Center
- ~~10. Abington School District - Feb. 2 EDC meeting~~
- ~~11. Abington Shopping Center - Sept. EDC meeting~~
- ~~12. Rydal Park - Nov. EDC meeting~~
- ~~13. Willow Grove Park Mall - PREIT - Jan. EDC meeting~~

**Next EDC Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:30AM**

Respectfully Submitted:  
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