

## BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSN. MEETING

April 9, 2015

**Greg Jones**, of Economic Development South addressed issues of Bethel Park and the Industrial Park such as signage, lighting, parking, etc.

1. They are working through Bethel Park Planning Commission to develop an overlay district in the Industrial Park to address issues of signage, lighting, and parking. The overlay district is a good idea. Plans have been sent to the Bethel Park Planning Commission. They are in the process of hiring a new leader, so there may be some delay until they get things settled.
2. Initiate work on a shade tree commission to promote and get Tree Pittsburgh involved. They will send an arborist to assess the best type of trees for this region, provide trees, and dig holes. The plan is to have it finalized this year.
3. Promote marketing and beautification of Industrial Park. Our association could raise issues and projects would have to be approved by 65% of the residents.
4. Alcoa is developing a procedure to filter water through bauxite to purify water before it is returned to streams. Alcoa is looking for locations to test this system. The Industrial Park would be a good site for this project. Council could fund the project initially, at potentially around \$1 million dollars, to get the project started.
5. Big problems can be address through zoning changes; the rest would require minimal funding. The association could invest an initial funding to show good faith and help get things started.
6. We need to identify initial projects. If we had funding, what would be the projects we would want to address first?
7. State Senator Matt Smith may be able to help source funding for initial small scale projects.
8. Greg will contact Matt Smith's office and invite a representative to address a future meeting of the association.
9. Addressed idea of cleaning up properties. The borough may be able to donate a dumpster, and we could schedule a clean-up day in the Industrial Park.

Minutes were submitted, approved by Steve and seconded by Joe with one correction. The emergency right of way into and out of the Industrial Park is located on Logan Road, not Drake.

**Membership Report:**

We have three (3) new members.

A reminder notice was sent on April 6.

Welcome to new member Paul Meinert of BCP Business Cards.

**New Business:**

Welcome back to Sue Clark, who is just returning after surgery.

Clarissa will start work on updating the web site.

JMJ no longer wants meeting sign displayed on their property. We will have to check to see if we can display it somewhere else, perhaps Ameriprise.

Economic Development South is holding a small business seminar on April 27 at 5:30 PM at Jefferson Hills Library titled "The Mechanics of Starting a Business."

**Old Business:**

Thursday, May 28, 2015, is the date for E-recycling in the Industrial Park.

Barb Peters has started a form to determine interest in discounts to businesses in the Industrial Park.

Joe and Bonnie attended the focus group meeting to determine issues to be addressed.

Tim O'Connor, the new Bethel Park Police Chief, will address the May 14 meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

May 14, 2015

June 11, 2015