

BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 17, 2019

Attendees: 14 Attendees

Guest Speaker: Dan Dennehy-Rodriguez (the “Medicare Guy”)

- Went over the basics of Medicare
- Explained Parts A, B, C, and D and when you need to enroll
- Spoke about retiring before and after age 65
- Answered questions

Business Meeting:

Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were not approved, copies will be available at the February meeting to approval.

Membership Report: 141 notices were sent out, 29 were sent back, 7 were returned

Communications Report: The mail delivery has been coming earlier, the letter sent must have helped! The stop sign at *Progress & Industrial* can be a dangerous one. Vehicles have been known to not stop or even slow down, be careful! Barb also mentioned that she has proof that squirrels DO eat the plastic coating on wires per earlier discussions at BPBA meetings ☺.

Treasurer’s Report: Checks with the \$100 membership fee have been coming in. We have a balance of \$11,043.97 in the account.

Old Business:

Job Fair: Tim said that we should be to use the Community Center for free. The idea of 1 or 2 days and if there should be a fee for employers was discussed. It was decided that 1 weekday from 8am – 3pm would be best, there would be no fee for BPBA members, and a \$100 fee for non-members, which would allow them to become a member for this year if interested. Connie at the Chamber of Commerce will mention it on their website, in the local advertiser, and on local BPTV. We are hoping that trade schools can be there, and local high schools will be notified. Barb, Evan, and Steve volunteered to be on a committee for the Job Fair. \$500 of BPBA funds will be given towards the cost of the fair.

Comprehensive Plan Committee: Ashley explained that the consultants are halfway through the process. Young people are looking for places to walk, bike, and work and want to feel safe when walking to school. The final survey will encompass priorities and goals.

Shade Tree Commission: The Commission met the day before the BPBA meeting 1/16. A tree planting day on Arbor Day is scheduled. Hoping for a grant for trees for Autumn planting.

Trash Removal: Still being worked on. It was reported that some companies would not take calls regarding the matter. Businesses in the park use several different vendors for trash removal and pick up on different dates. Hoping for a discount with a group rate.

Chamber of Commerce videos: Still looking for companies interested in being featured in videos.

New Business:

Shred-It: contacted the BPBA and will match Iron City Shredding with a 2-hour window for \$400. Deciding on which month this will be scheduled was tabled until next meeting.

Vote: It was a “yes” vote to pay for VeriCheck’s 2019 membership dues since they continue to allow the BPBA to use their facility for monthly meetings.

Hospitality position: Evan volunteered to take the vacant position. Thank you, Evan!

Events: Chamber of Commerce – Economic Regional Forecast was held at the Crowne Plaza on Jan. 23.

Next Meeting:

February 21st, 2019