

BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

January 19, 2017

Attendees: 19 Attendees, including 4 guests representing the municipality (Ashley Moore, Municipal Planner; Fran Mingrone, Planning Commission Chair; Shawn Arbaugh, Director of Community Services; and Joe Consolmagno, Councilman, Ward 2) and 2 guests from Economic Development South (Lisa Brown, EDS Watershed Coordinator and Stephanie Miller, Deputy Director)

Barb Peters opened the meeting and thanked all attendees.

Minutes: Minutes from October meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: No change in balance which is just over \$6,000. The cameras were the last expense.

Membership Report: We are still in need of a membership chairperson. Please let us know if you are interested in this position.

Old Business: Barb will update the website and add meeting minutes. Would it be possible for us to contact the high school concerning the possibility of having students with an IT background volunteer to assist with the website? Joe Consolmagno will contact the school district about volunteers, and see if it would count as community service.

Maybe we could set up a career day with the school district and initiate a cooperation between the school district and the Business Association.

Tim Moury said that money has been set aside to do a water study. Once the study is done, what will we do to accomplish what is suggested by the study.

Stephanie Miller of Economic Development South advised that a study will be conducted to determine what needs to be done and then decide the most economical way to fix the problems. Proposals will be submitted to the municipality as to what needs to be done. Opportunities and solutions must be determined. Also a time frame for the project must be determined. Once a plan is formed, the assessment district requires a 60/40 vote be taken, 100% participation required. She suggested that we reach out to other industrial parks to see if they were ever faced with storm water management and how they dealt with it. Chester Engineers was hired to do the water study. The study will be done in steps to determine where water is coming from and how to handle it.

It would benefit the Industrial Park to have one study done for the entire park rather than have residents of the Industrial Park do individual studies.

Ashley and Stephanie will determine what the next step is after talking to Greg Jones and Tim Moury.

New Business: The municipality is holding work shop meetings to determine what zoning changes are needed in the Industrial Park and discuss boundaries. It would benefit business owners to be present at

these meetings to discuss hardships. The meetings will be held the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM with the first meeting on January 25th. Ashley Moore will furnish a comment card to Barb for interested parties who cannot attend a meeting. There are 128 businesses in the Industrial Park, let your voice be heard.

Following is a schedule for the meetings:

January 25th
February 22nd
March 29th
April 26th
May 31st
June 28th
July 26th
August 30th
September 27th
October 25th
November 29th

Todd is the new building inspector.

Shawn Harbaugh, Director of Community Services, will check with the borough manager about the free tree planting commission.

Matt Fischer suggested that we start a Facebook group. He then graciously volunteered to handle setting up a Facebook group page.

He also asked about projects to improve the Industrial Park, and suggested we ask for volunteers to help with Park clean up and tree planting.

Joe Froetschel suggested having a special meeting to inform residents of the Industrial Park to inform occupants what to do in case of an emergency.

Next Meeting:

February 16