

BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 15, 2016

Attendees: Ten Attendees

Guest Speaker: Greg Jones, Economic Development South, stated that he has been involved with our group for about a year, and he is familiar with the issues with which the Industrial Park is concerned.

He will get together with the municipality to discuss flooding and weather issues to come up with a plan, and then determine funding, which has to be approved by the municipality. He will contact council to see if funding is available. Once this is determined, it will be presented to the Industrial Park.

We should focus on zoning and water issues.

He reiterated the importance of working as a group to encourage funding. Greg should know in a month or two what funding is available.

Minutes: Minutes from August meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paid \$894.46 for four additional security cameras for the system located at AmeriSource.

Membership Report: Mary Anne Belles has left employment at Bethel Machine to work for her husband, so we need a new membership chair.

Old Business:

Ashley Moore will consult with Tim Moury about asking the Planning Commission to consider an overlay district for the Industrial Park.

Now is the time to address funding with the municipality as they are setting budgets.

We will need to advertise for volunteers for free shade tree planting. The Shade Tree Commission will supply trees and dig holes, but volunteers will be needed to assist with planting. Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will determine what types of trees and what locations for planting will work best. We should have a time line in the next month or two.

New Business: We need to come up with a way to recruit volunteers for various projects. Send any ideas you may have to Barb Peters.

The Chamber of Commerce is having a luau. They will also be offering some classes. Barb will forward information.

John Pape, the councilman for this ward, Ward 1, passed away. Anyone interested in filling the position for the remainder of the term should submit a letter of intent and a resume by September 29.

Sue sent a letter supporting the police force and first responders to the Almanac, and will be sending letters to BP Chronicles and BP Magazine.

We need someone to help with updating and maintaining the Industrial Park website.

Elections for officers of the associations are pending. Sue Clark is anticipating retirement. The present officers have served multiple terms. Anyone who is interested in a position, please let us know. We would like to see the association continue, but we would appreciate support from more businesses located within the Industrial Park.

A "Welcome Packet" for new businesses to the Industrial Park is still needed. Any ideas will be greatly appreciated.

CPR training was discussed. Should we set up sessions for some time in October or November? Sessions could accommodate 40 to 50 participants. A minimal cost would be involved.

Grants are available for AED's in businesses. TriCommunity will recharge units for free and upload information for patient.

Meeting Dates:

October 13, 2016

November 17, 2016