

**GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
August 14, 2012

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 6:45 p.m., held in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

**I. Statement of Proper Notice**

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

**I. Roll Call**

The roll was called as follows at 6:40 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Charles Lavine, Donald Little, Reza Asgari, John Conroy, Danielle Delprato

Excused Absence: Tushar Patel, Jags Vazirani, Karen Vincent-Lavanga, Michel Franc, Deborah Cherry, Board of Education Liaison. Bruce Nahan, Lawrence High School

Absent: David Mizenko

Also Present: Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison, Susan Snook, Secretary

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The July 10, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. Awards Program (October 10):**

Chairperson Bobbitt stated the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce is having a press conference tomorrow, August 15, 2012 at 2:00 in front of the J. C. Penny, Lower Level, at the Quaker Bride Mall. The original press conference was to be scheduled by the new Cheesecake Factory; however, with construction in progress, they felt it would be too dangerous.

Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated it would also announce the winners of the Award Program and it was suggested that the winners would have to be contacted the next morning.

Mr. Link stated we have nine (9) sponsors and there are eight (8) awards and we have nine sponsors that are willing to be sponsors. It was mentioned that the Lawrenceville Main Street is a non-profit organization which receives contributions and they are putting up the \$250.00 for an award; Councilperson Lewis stated that their goal is to encourage business in the Town and want to be part of that facility and as a general rule that anyone who is willing to give us money we should find a way to let them do so and we should have them sponsor so they would get the visibility.

Chairperson Bobbitt stated to go over the nominations received. It was noted that Mayor Kownacki does not have anyone in particular to be nominated for the Mayor's Award.

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After discussions and review of the nominations, the following are the winners of the Awards:

<b>New Large Business Award:</b>	Celsion Corporation located at 997 Lenox Drive
<b>New Small Business Award:</b>	Buttons Creperie located at the Trenton Farmer's Market
<b>New Building Renovation:</b>	ASI Contractors Supply, Inc. located at 644 Whitehead Road
<b>Business Service Award:</b>	Morgan Stanley located at 1200 Lenox Drive St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, 2381 Lawrence Road
<b>Residential Award:</b>	Eggert Crossing Village located on Eggert Crossing Road (PRD Management)
<b>Podmore/Dwyer Historic Award:</b>	Dr. Brook Hunter, Associate profession of History at Rider University
<b>Ralph Copleman Environmental Award:</b>	Bristol Myers Squibb for their contribution for the Trail
<b>Mayor's Award:</b>	Womanspace, 1530 Brunswick Pike

After a lengthy discussion, the following was determined regarding the Sponsor who presents the award.

First Choice will sponsor the Mayor's award to Womanspace

Stark & Stark will sponsor the Business Service Award to Morgan Stanley

Brandywine will sponsor the Environmental Award to BMS

Colonial Lanes will sponsor the New Large Business Award top Celsion Corporation

Roma Bank will sponsor the New Building Renovation to ASI

Shop Rite will sponsor the Residential Award to Eggert Crossing Village

Mercedes Benz will sponsor the Podmore/Dwyer Historic Award to Dr. Brook Hunter

Lawrenceville Main Street will sponsor the New Small Business Award to Buttons

First Constitution will sponsor the Business Service Award to St. Lawrence

Councilperson Lewis stated we should discuss a new award next year named Public/Private Award.

The Committee agreed to the following order of presentation:

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Residential Award; New Building Renovation; Small Business Award; Large Business Award; Business Service Award; Podmore/Dwyer Historic Award and Mayor's Award. The following members are contacting the award winners: Mr. Lavine will contact Womanspace and ASI; Mr. Link will contact Celsion; Councilwoman Lewis will contact Buttons; Ms. Delprato will contact Morgan Stanley; Vice Chairperson Kennedy will contact St. Lawrence. Mr. Link will contact Dennis Waters for contact information on Dr. Hunter. It was suggested that the contact information be on the nomination form.

Chairperson Bobbitt stated since it was late and asked if we should continue with the rest of the agenda, the Board decided to adjourn the meeting. Therefore, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2012.



Susan Snook, Secretary  
Growth & Redevelopment Committee