

**GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
August 13, 2013

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 6:41 p.m., 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.

The roll was called as follows at 6:41 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Charles Lavine, Donald Little, John Conroy, John Schloesser, Danielle Delprato, Howard Nelson

Excused Absence: Tushar Patel, Jags Vazirani, Karen Vincent-Lavanga, Reza Asgari, Max Ramos, Melissa Saunders

Absent: Michel Franc

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

**II. Approval of May Minutes:**

There were no minutes.

**III. Awards Program:**

The Board members discussed the nominations for the awards program and the winners are as follows:

Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee Mayor's Award for Economic Development Lawrence Road Fire Company 2013	Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee Mayor's Award for Economic Development Lawrenceville Fire Company 2013
Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee Mayor's Award for Economic Development Slackwood Fire Company 2013	Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee New Large Business Award The Cheesecake Factory 2013
Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee New Small Business Award JC Strings 2013	Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee Business Service Award Denise Taylor, President Great Looks Multicultural Hair Salon 2013

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Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee New Building/Renovation Award Mercer Council on Alcoholism & Drug Addiction 2013	Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee Podmore/Dwyer Historic Award Laura Nawrocik 2013
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Mr. Link stated that Roma confirmed their sponsorship and wanted to know the fee. It was by unanimous vote that the sponsorship fees have been changed as follows:

Sponsorship: \$275 to \$300

Mayor's: \$300 to \$350

Mr. Conroy stated he contacted BMS to be a sponsor and he was sent to their web-site. Chairperson Bobbitt asked the Committee members about sponsorships and Mr. Nelson stated that Lawrenceville Main Street will sponsor the small business award; First Choice will sponsor the Mayor's award. The other sponsors are Roma, 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution, Stark & Stark.

Chairperson Bobbitt questioned if we could have a key note speaker from the National Games.

**IV. Community Outreach:**

Chairperson Bobbitt stated there is no new business for GEPNA.

Councilwoman Lewis stated they are putting together a sub-committee to work with Special Olympics. Chris Bobbitt volunteered, Recreation, School Board and to reach out to the State for information and then reaching out to Princeton and Ewing to let the residents know what is going on and to let businesses capitalize on what they can. Also to get the residents excited about it and not to focus on the traffic issues and/or problems.

Councilwoman Lewis stated she also spoke to the schools to get them excited and to find ways to raise money for banners along Route 206.

**V. New Business Outreach:**

Mr. Addison stated there is a new kitchen & bath store opening on Route 1; a new Home Living Furniture store where Bassett was located and the Yogurt store which is owned by Reza Asgari and the expansion of the zumba class.

Mr. Nelson stated that the State will be celebrating their 350 year anniversary in June of 2014 and will have a program which will start in January. Lawrenceville Main Street was assigned the week when Special Olympics will be in Town. It is an opportunity to sell merchandise, such as books, shirts, coffee mugs and even raise money for the fireworks.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2013.

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Susan Snook, Secretary  
Growth & Redevelopment Committee

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