

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2013

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 6:40 p.m., in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

**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 6:45 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Tushar Patel, Jags Vazirani, Charles Lavine, John Conroy, Danielle Delprato

Excused Absence: Karen Vincent-Lavanga, John Schloesser

Absent: Donald Little, Michel Franc, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison, Bruce Nahan, Lawrence High School, Deborah Cherry, Board of Education Liaison

Also Present: Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate, Donald Addison, Susan Snook, Secretary

**Election of Officers:**

Nominations were opened to the floor for Chairperson. Charles Lavine nominated Christopher Bobbitt for Chairperson. Chairperson Bobbitt accepted the position and it was a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Bobbitt opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Charles Lavine nominated Ryan Kennedy. Vice Chairperson Kennedy accepted the position and it was a unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The November 13, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Awards Program Planning with Chamber:**

The Chamber of Commerce decided the Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013. The Board decided they do not want the Awards Ceremony to be held at the Quaker Bridge Mall; therefore, various locations were discussed:

- Rider University
- Special Olympics
- Brandywine
- Educational Testing Service (Chauncey Center)
- Armory
- Colonial Bowling Lanes (if there is a space to accommodate the number of people)

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**New Business Outreach:**

Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated that Rich had a comment regarding the letter and all we need now is a new business to send it to. The Fire Marshal list, by time we get, it has been opened for awhile. Ms. Delprato suggested doing a new business welcome twice a year and 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Bank will sponsor the first one. Ms. Delprato will contact 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution to get some dates and it will have to be held when the bank is closed. Chairperson Bobbitt stated we cannot compete with the Chamber on what they do for businesses. Vice Chairperson Kennedy suggested talking to Council to see if there is a business outreach program to assist them with the process and volunteer with business owners for the re-evaluation. Mr. Vazirani suggested seeing if there is a marketing guide to give a business owner on how to get started.

**Community Outreach:**

Chairperson Bobbitt stated GEPNA is waiting until the spring to hear about the Pit Stop. Route 1 Development was pushed back because of funds and Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Conroy stated Colonial Heights Civic Association holds yearly yard sales and when things happen, by letting them know, they will show up. Chairperson Bobbitt will see who is in charge.

**Meeting Speakers and Venues**

The Board members discussed places to meet. Colonial Bowling Lanes was mentioned; however, it will not accommodate big crowds. Mr. Conroy suggested the Chauncey Center; however, Mr. Vazirani stated it is hard to get onto the Campus. Green Acres was also mentioned and it was stated that the breakfast was there a couple of years; however, it is too expensive and the Chamber backed away from Green Acres. Mr. Conroy stated he knows an event planner and will reach out to her. Vice Chairperson Kennedy suggested Lawrenceville School and the Police Station (training room).

Mr. Addison stated he will get in touch with Leonardo's and find out if they will do a breakfast. Mr. Lavine suggested holding a meeting at the Cherry Grove for a meeting in the spring and ask Lea Kahn to do an article for the Ledger on our meeting and take some pictures.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Link stated since it is a legal holiday (Lincoln's Birthday) and the Municipal Building will be closed, the February 12, 2013 meeting is cancelled.

Mr. Lavine gave a brief testimony about the hearings being held on the Ferber application (the Mrs. G's site) at the corner of Franklin Corner Road and Route 1.

Chairperson Bobbitt mentioned that the Planning Board approved the old Union Camp site to Bristol Myers Squibb. However, Mr. Conroy stated Bristol Myers is re-negotiating only short term leases for this site.

Mr. Addison mentioned to the Board members that there is a blood drive at the Ewing Senior Center on February 13, 2013.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2013.

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Susan Snook, Secretary  
Growth & Redevelopment Committee

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