

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
July 9, 2013

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 6:42 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 6:40 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, John Conroy, Max Ramos, Howard Nelson

Excused Absence: J. Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate, Donald Little, Melissa Saunders

Absent: Tushar Patel, Jags Vazirani, Karen Vincent-Lavanga, Charles Lavine, Michel Franc, Reza Asgari, Danielle Delprato

Also Present: Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison, Donald Addison, Kurt Koevenig and Susan Snook, Secretary

**II. Approval of May Minutes:**

The May 14, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved

**III. Awards Program:**

Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated First Choice would like to be the sponsor for the Mayor's Award; Stark and Stark is a sponsorship; he did not hear from Mercedes.

Mr. Conroy did not hear from Simon; Roma is in transition and he did not reach out to BMS.

Mr. Ramos did not reach out to his group yet.

Lawrenceville Main Street will sponsor the Small business award. Chairperson Bobbitt will reach out to Colonial Bowling lanes for a sponsorship.

The sponsorship amounts have been changed.

Councilperson Lewis stated we should try to start a fund for the Special Olympics and starting it at \$100 and will have more answers in October on how the money will be spent. Mr. Conroy stated that \$100 for the printing of the program.

Chairperson Bobbitt stated how we would start to reach out should the Committee members take names. Councilwoman Lewis stated to use the past award winners and other smaller businesses that we never reached out to.

The location is at Special Olympics and the speaker is currently unknown. Vice Chairperson Kennedy asked if the administration have more involvement and Councilwoman Lewis stated they were talking to the Police Department; however, they wanted the service for free and our service is not free; so the State Police is doing it.

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Chairperson Bobbitt stated to the members to be at the August meeting to vote.

**IV. Community Outreach:**

Chairperson Bobbitt stated there is nothing new with GEPNA. There was a discussion regarding the new furniture store where the Basset furniture store was located; there is a new mattress store by Mrs. G's. and Party City is moving to West Elm Road.

**V. New Business Outreach:**

Vice Chairperson Kennedy discussed the plastic bag demonstration at a meeting in 2012. There is a State Bill that would do something at the State level for the imposing the 5 cent surcharge for a plastic bag.

Councilwoman Lewis stated there are some committees that are against the bill. The bill originally did not state plastic bags or paper bags.

There was a discussion about what the different stores are offering if you bring your own bag, such as gift certificates and won't charge the tax fee if you bring your own bag.

Chairperson Bobbitt commented on the press conference and that we should have some time to do it and should not be right after the event because not everyone had been notified. The members felt it should be done with the Chamber and tell them it should be done on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Donald Addison presented the Board members with the attached brochure "Ready for Anything":

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2013.

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Susan Snook, Secretary  
Growth & Redevelopment Committee