

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2014

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:38 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 6:39 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Charles Lavine, John Conroy, Danielle Delprato, Howard Nelson, Donald Addison, Boynton R. Weekes

Excused Absence: Tushar Patel, Karen Vincent, Max Ramos, Kevin Ralph,

Absent: Jags Vazirani, John Schloesser, Andrew D. Bedryk

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

Approval of Minutes:

The July 8, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

Awards Program:

Chairperson Bobbitt stated that the former Chairman from Wawa and alumni of Rider University cannot speak at the Award's Ceremony because he will be in Arizona. The Chairman of TD Bank was mentioned to be a speaker; as well as the former-Mayor of Hamilton Township, Glenn Gilmore. Mayor Lewis mentioned the official Chairperson of Shop Local at Robbinsville and it will draw local businesses. Ms. Love-Stevens mentioned the woman in social media and might not be appropriate for this size group of people. Mayor Lewis mentioned Bristol-Myers Squibb to talk about the importance for investing on the community. Chairperson Bobbitt will contact Eleanor Horn to get a contact person and Mr. Addison will find out about the official Chairperson for Shop Local.

Chairperson Bobbitt opened the floor to the Board members for the 2014 nominations. The members went through the nominations and gave their thoughts and comments. Then each Board member who made a nomination gave a brief description of the business they nominated.

Mayor Lewis stated that Steven Groeger will be retiring at the end of the year and made suggestions to her if that would be the appropriate place for him to be placed. Mr. Lavine stated he thought a few years ago about a discussion about a Township employee be awarded and did not think it was a good idea because they are an employee and doing their job. However, Steve has done things above and beyond like the fire work program, the recreation department and the sports program.

Melissa Clark gave a brief description of why she picked her nominations (public). Mayor Lewis mentioned the group at the Lawrence Library called the "Lawrence Memoir Group", which is ladies that write memoirs about their lives.

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The 2014 award winners are as follows:

Mayor's Award:	Lawrence Township Education Foundation
New Large Business Award	MDAdvantage
New Small Business Award:	Route 1 Diner
Business Service Award:	Colonial Valley Chiropractic
Residential:	None
New Building/Renovation:	Bellacina Kitchen & Bath
Podmore/Dwyer Historic:	Kathlinda Saretzky
Ralph Copleman Environmental:	Friends of the Lawrence Nature Center

Mr. Conroy mentioned that the next step was to pick the award winner with the sponsor. This year the Mid-Jersey chamber will be obtaining the sponsors. Mr. Link stated the sponsors will be sponsoring the entire awards program not a sponsor for the individual award.

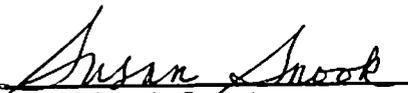
Other Business:

Mr. Weekes stated that two-thirds of the committee met with the new owner of the Lawrence Shopping Center and the recommendation is it is a little pre-mature. If we are having a net-working affair there then it needs to present well. So it is tabled to the spring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2014.



Susan Snook, Secretary
Growth & Redevelopment Committee

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