

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 9, 2016

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

Statement of Adequate 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 and the Trentonian.

Present: Ryan Kennedy
Lovette Love-Stevens
Charles Lavine, Vice Chairperson
John Conroy, Chairperson
John Schloesser
Joan Brame
Maria Connelly
John Odalen

Absent: Danielle Delprato
Boynton R. Weekes
Max Ramos, Board of Education Liaison

Excused Absence: Tushar Patel
Teresita Bastides-Heron
Jeffrey Lane, Trails & Open Space
Andrew Link, Liaison

Also Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Council Liaison
Susan Snook, Recording Secretary

Minutes:

The July 12, 2016 were unanimously approved with a change.

Awards Ceremony:

Chairperson Conroy stated the Awards Ceremony will be held on at CollaborationCore on Thursday, October 13th at 8:00 a.m. and Ms. Durst is coordinating with the Chamber and stated Mr. Odalen was very helpful with that. CollaborationCore is a good place to hold it because it is in a good location and going to promote one of the businesses in Town.

Ms. Connolly stated that Maureen Hasset from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and accepted to be the speaker. She will be talking about development in Mercer County and in Lawrence and also about the EDA program that are available to businesses in Mercer County and Lawrence. Ms. Connolly gave Ms. Hasset the information regarding what the Board wanted her to speak on and a time limit but needs to get back to her with the information on location and time. Mr. Kennedy stated that Bristol-Myers Squibb would also be interested in having some speak but if we already confirmed.

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Mr. Odalen gave Ms. Durst the information on when the Awards Ceremony is and the time (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) and was going to find out about different catering options. She also asked if they were responsible for getting the award itself. Chairperson Conroy stated the Chamber is providing the breakfast and charge the admission; and hopefully it will be a Lawrence based caterer. Ms. Connolly stated Ms. Hasset's title is Senior Vice President of Governance Communications and Strategic Initiatives and is oversees EDA's Edison Innovation Fund Technology Investments Governance Communications Marketing and Product Division as well as Urban and Real Estate Development in New Jersey and a resident of Pennington.

Chairperson Conroy stated we will do the program and will send it to Andy and Sue and if he can Chairperson Conroy will try to get a poster completed; post the event and will be available for the event. Sue stated that Joan agreed to do the bowls again. Tickets are given to the Board members and the event winners. Mr. Odalen stated there is a member fee and a non-member fee and will ask if for this event not to have the non-member fee, just one flat rate. It is not a typical chamber event it is for the Township. The Committee members discussed putting out a press release; Nexel, Township web site, e-mail; and Chamber will have a link once the details are set.

Chairperson Conroy stated to look at the nominations because sometimes the nomination does not fall were it was nominated to and the Committee members move them around. The Committee members went through the nominations, discussed them thoroughly and voted on the choices. The following are the winners:

Mayors Award:	The English School at Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church
New Large Business:	Bristol-Myers Squibb
Small Business Award:	Scoops 'n' Swirls and CollaborationCore
Business Service Award:	GEPNA
Residential Award:	Morris Hall Meadows
New Building/Renovation:	7-11 Mini Mart and Gas Station
Podmore/Dwyer Historic:	none
Ralph Copleman Environmental:	Lawrenceville Elementary School Garden

Chairperson Conroy stated it is very important that everyone shows up for the next meeting because it will be decided who will present the award to the award winners. Ms. Connolly asked what does the member have to do and was informed that she has to present the award to the business and give a brief presentation.

Public Comment:

Melissa Clark who made nominations gave a brief presentation why she nominated them.

Sign Ordinance:

Ms. Connolly met with Mr. Krawczun and Mr. Parvesse to speak to them regarding the sign ordinance, the Lawrence Shopping Center, Facebook and she will give her presentation at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Ms. Brame stated she spoke with the company who she thinks is going to buy the Shopping Center; however, it is not definite and will know more for the next meeting.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan J. Snook
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: Sept. 13, 2016