

**Harrison Township, NJ**  
**Economic Development Council**  
**114 Bridgeton Pike**  
**Mullica Hill, NJ 08062**  
**November 8, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, Leslie McGeoch being the chair.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Bob Dintino, Chris Knisely, Lisa Rysinger, Tom Sanders, Michele Vallone, Pat Settar, Joe Pacera, Vince Gangemi

Other: Jim Salvino (on behalf of the Mullica Hill Merchants' Association), Jim Malaby, Gerry Gramaglia

Secretary: Ellen McGeoch

4. Meeting Notice Posted

Minutes and agendas are posted on the Township website.

5. Privilege of the Floor

Gerry announced his new ownership of "The Corner on Main" at 19 North Main Street. He plans to put up a sign, complete cosmetic work, and try to get additional parking in back, and expects to be ready to rent the units in early 2012.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2011

Chris Knisely motioned to approve the minutes, Tom Sanders seconded. The October minutes were approved unanimously.

7. Reports

Township Committee: Chris Knisely mentioned the Township Committee will meet Wednesday because of Election Day.

Planning Board: Joe Pacera discussed the possible date change of the tree lighting. Mr. Pacera also gave an update on the Richwood Town Center and the new synagogue.

Historic Preservation Commission: Gerry will be attending the next meeting for approvals on the cosmetic changes he plans to make to 19 North Main Street.

Mullica Hill Pond Committee: There was not a recent meeting to discuss. Joe Pacera mentioned Township Committee is putting together a Parks & Recreation Committee and would like to include a member of the Pond Committee.

Mullica Hill Merchants' Association: Jim Salvino discussed a passport type program for Second Saturday to encourage participants to visit different stores on Main Street. Also, the MHMA will hold elections during their next meeting. The results of the survey for the best meeting times for the MHMA were given to the EDC to tabulate.

Harrison Township Beautification Committee: Leslie McGeoch shared that Township Committee has asked HTB to take over the Mullica Hill Money project, and the HTB decided to delay the implementation of the Mullica Hill Money until Mother's Day. Pat Settar brought a list of potential community events for 2012 by Suzanne Golt.

#### 8. Action Items

None.

#### 9. Discussion

Small Business Saturday: Leslie McGeoch discussed Small Business Saturday, a program by American Express that promotes shopping locally.

Harrison Township Business Association: Those present discussed the potential formation of the Harrison Township Business Association. The main questions involved the role of the association, who would head the association, and what the top three goals are. Pat Settar mentioned the formation of the HTBA had been discussed many years ago by the EDC and volunteered to research the bylaws and how to structure an association.

2012 Membership: Let Ellen McGeoch know if you would like to continue to be on the EDC next year.

#### 10. New Business

Leslie McGeoch asked the committee to reflect on 2011 and bring suggestions for 2012 for the next meeting.

Joe Pacera mentioned the potential addition of a retail business on North Main Street. Also, the gas station on Main Street will present plans at the next meeting of the Planning Board.

#### 11. Adjournment

Tom Sanders motioned to adjourn, Lisa Rysinger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.