

**Harrison Township, NJ
Economic Development Council
114 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
June 14, 2011
MINUTES**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM, Leslie McGeoch being the chair.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Niki Trunk, Chris Knisely, Lisa Rysinger, Ann Karpinski, Vince Gangemi, Elayne Wildrick, Michele Vallone, Bob Shearer, Pat Settarr

Other: Jim Salvino (on behalf of the Mullica Hill Merchants' Association)

Secretary: Ellen McGeoch

4. Meeting Notice Posted

Minutes and agendas are posted on the Township website.

5. Privilege of the Floor

None

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2011

Chris Knisely motioned to approve the minutes, Lisa Rysinger seconded. The May minutes were approved unanimously.

7. Reports

Township Committee: Bob Shearer discussed the Mayor's commitment to improve the streetscape.

Planning Board: Niki Trunk informed the EDC of an application from United Solar Group for a solar farm on Bridgeton Pike. The application includes an extensive landscaping plan, and will generate a considerable amount in tax rateables. On July 7th there will be a public hearing about a few blocks on Main Street that need redeveloping and a developer has expressed interest in building townhouses on the former Heritage Lumberyard property on East Avenue.

Historic Preservation Commission: Chris Knisely discussed the approval of a sign for Sisters.

Mullica Hill Pond Committee: Vince Gangemi discussed how the committee would like to build a walking path that would connect Ella Harris Park to Pleasant Valley School. The committee has requested funds from the Township to hire a professional to see if this plan is possible and to estimate the

cost of completing the project. Chris Knisely mentioned the township has recently started clearing the east side of the pond.

Mullica Hill Merchants' Association: Chris Knisely reported on the last MHMA meeting. Hazel Dilzaver attended representing Second Saturdays and the merchants promised to provide signage for Second Saturdays. Jim Salvino added how many people came to his shop on Second Saturday due to staying open later. A suggestion was to have the hours of Second Saturdays be from 11am to normal Saturday hours. Pat Settar suggested having different colored signs for each event (Sidewalk Sale, Antique Street Fair, etc).

Harrison Township Beautification Committee: Leslie McGeoch discussed the community meeting held earlier in the month. Lighting both sides of Main Street from Old Mill south to the point at Bridgeton Pike was discussed.

8. Action Items

None.

9. Discussion

Items for the Township E-Newsletter: Leslie McGeoch suggested a write up about the bench dedication and a thank you to the sponsors of the Spring Social.

Current Vacancies On Main Street: Pat Settar discussed a few of the current vacancies on Main Street. The owner of the Word of Mouth property wasn't interested. Deborah's Dolls is now closed. The property at 90 North Main Street is vacant but has a new roof.

Mullica Hill Cash: Michele Vallone has been trying to contact Collingswood to inquire about a similar program.

10. New Business

The committee made a motion to have Bob Dentino as the fourth alternate. Pat Settar motioned to approve, Lisa Rysinger seconded.

Niki Trunk brought up possible donations from the Rotary club.

11. Adjournment

Niki Trunk motioned to adjourn, Elayne Wildrick seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.