

Harrison Township, NJ
Economic Development Council
114 Bridgeton Pike
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
March 9, 2010
MINUTES

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM, Ann Karpinski being in the chair.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Ann Karpinski, Leslie McGeoch, Lisa Rysinger, Elayne Wildrick, Jim Woods.

Township Committee Liaison: Deputy Mayor Niki Trunk

4. Public Meetings Act

Minutes and agendas are posted on the Township website.

5. Privilege of the Floor

None.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2010

The minutes were approved unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business

Main Street Application Status: Decision on hold with Main Street New Jersey for all applications. It was suggested that an update be included in the next Township newsletter. Beautification will meet to move forward with benches, lights and signs, plan a volunteer meeting, and determine how the Four-Point Approach can best be implemented. It was suggested that business owners who have made a substantial investment in Main Street properties be honored. This idea was also discussed at the Historic Preservation Commission, and it is possible that many groups within the township would like to commend the work of these business owners. Leslie McGeoch will coordinate the plaques, and Paul Showers of the Historic Preservation Commission will be contacted for wording. Niki Trunk will contact the business owners to determine the best time for a ceremony during which the plaques will be presented.

Web Site Presence: The EDC agreed that we need to verify the information currently on the Township website and provide additional information as needed.

Miscellaneous: Plants and watering for the urns were discussed.

8. Reports

The Pond Committee has asked for project ideas for the pond. The EDC provided Leslie McGeoch with the following ideas:

- Continuous sidewalk from Main Street to the Pond.
- Improvements to the parking area.
- Continuous park system from the soccer fields and Pleasant Valley to the Pond.
- Kids' Fishing Weekend – Such an event could be coordinated with Township Recreations, the NJ Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and South Jersey Tourism.
- Cleanup Day – The Mullica Hill Merchants' Association may be interested in assisting in cleanup. Jim Woods is following up on the cleanup idea.

Lisa Rysinger asked Niki Trunk about whether the Township, EDC, or the Beautification Committee will be purchasing trash cans or benches as part of its streetscape plan. Niki reported that currently, the Beautification Committee has raised approximately \$80,000, which they anticipate will cover the cost of the lights. Niki recognized that while all three groups agree that the benches and trash cans will also help enhance our Main Street, the Beautification Committee is not in a position to purchase anything else at this time. However, as they raise additional funds, these things will be incorporated into the plans. She recommended that perhaps the Merchants and the Beautification Committee should partner in their fundraising efforts to move the streetscape plan along faster. She also recommended that the Beautification Committee begin to meet at 7:00 before the EDC meetings each month to discuss these issues and encourages members of the Merchants' Association attend these meetings as EDC members are beginning to attend the Merchants' meetings so they will know the status of plans for Main Street.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Informational Items:

Main Street New Jersey program is on hold until further notice.

Beautification Committee will meet at 7:00 PM, before the EDC meeting.

Schedule for EDC Attendance at MHMA Meetings

1st Thursday of each month, 5:30 PM at the Gloucester County Library

If you can't make a meeting please contact Ann to organize a replacement.

April – Joe

May-Leslie

June-Elayne

September-Vince

October-Ann

November-Jim

December-Pat