

Warren County Economic Development Committee (WCEDC)

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2016

Chair Schultheis called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Roll Call:

Present: Scott Anderson, Eve Azar, Andrea Kirchuk, John Kruk, Chris Maier, Stan Prater, Chair Betty Schultheis, Linda Stettler, Todd Tersigni, and Freeholder Director Jason Sarnoski

Pledge of Allegiance:

All present stood and recited the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kirchuk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Stettler, to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2016 and September 8, 2016 minutes. All in favor.

Welcome and Introductions:

EDC members
Members of the public

Committee Reports:

Reappointment of EDC members for terms 2017-2019

- Freeholder Sarnoski will add reappointments to January 2017 Freeholder meeting agenda

Status of AT Grant, Mr. Tierney:

- Appalachian Trail – Blairstown the first community in NJ. Freeholder Sarnoski is dedicated to the continuation of funding to these type of projects in the next budget.

Tourism, Mr. Art Charlton:

- Warren County Wanderings – there was discussion regarding analytics showing positive feedback. There are now 2000 subscribers to the newsletter.
- Suggestion was made to distribute magnets to mayors and town councils.

Farm Art Update:

- Kenesha's replacement may be delayed by Rutgers. Mr. Charlton and Mr. Tierney are assuming responsibility for now.

Status of Economic Development Consultants' Project

- The revised Warren County Economic Development Action Plan Matrix was adopted by the Freeholders at the November meeting and will be up for adoption by the EDC at the December meeting. The revised plan will be emailed to EDC members today. Members should review the document and decide how to move forward. Chair Schultheis, Vice-Chair Tersigni, and Mr. Charlton will report on EDC Goals, etc., at the Freeholder budget meeting.

Old Business:

Goals for 2016:

- Looking to consultants for this; EDC goal to hire consultants was met.

Open Comments from the Public:

Public attendees present: Karen Murphy, Oxford; Brenda Sweeney, Oxford; Betsy Griggs, Mansfield; and Sarah Brelvi

- Ms. Griggs of Mansfield Township stated that their EDAC would use the Matrix for township planning and seek feedback from businesses and taxpayers via Survey Monkey.
- Oxford is working on branding, signage, and using social media

Close Comments from the Public

New Business:

- Mr. Tersigni reported that most buildings should be knocked down at the Ingersoll Rand property by January. He also reported that the Roseberry House was featured on Channel 69 News. Renovations to the 236 year old building include a new heating system, bathrooms and work on the grounds. He thanked JCP&L for helping.

Goals for 2017:

- A formal communication process with town EDAC's needs to be developed.
- The Matrix should be sent to all municipalities.
- A subcommittee of local municipalities should be considered.
- To be discussed further at the December meeting.

Next Meeting:

December 8, 2016 at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Mr. Tersigni, seconded by Mr. Prater, made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 AM.