

Warren County Economic Development Committee (WCEDC)

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016

Chair Schultheis called the meeting to order at 8:09 AM.

Roll Call:

Present: Eve Azar, Andrea Kirchuk, Mitchell Jones, 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 November 10, 2016 minutes. All in favor.

Welcome and Introductions:

EDC members
Members of the public

Committee Reports:

Status of Grants and Report on AT Grant, Mr. Tierney:

- Requesting extension of USDA Grant.
- Scenic Wild Delaware River organization looking at improving their marketing.
- Food Shed Alliance - formed steering committee to investigate the feasibility.
- Appalachian Trail Advisory Committee - the announcement that Blairstown is the first community in NJ will be made at an event on Saturday, April 27, 2017.

Tourism, Mr. Art Charlton:

- Many events for the NJ Christmas Tree around the County.
- Farm Art – Waiting to hear back from Kenesha regarding status.

Status of Economic Development Consultants' Project

- Development Process Audit - Freeholder Sarnoski stated this was high priority.

- Model Zoning Ordinances – need a single point of contact for each municipality. Tetra Tech will look at municipalities with solid zoning ordinances and pick and choose what will work.
- Online Permit and Process Checklist – Start with determining the needs of local developers, researching software, and seeing if there is something already in place.
- Land Use Planning – Need office space with space for records; use form for tracking inquiries; develop list of contacts from municipalities; and maintain an inventory list.
- Development and Revitalization – Riverfront project is approved. Revitalization grant for Roseberry Homestead approved; and the Ingersoll Rand property is still moving forward.

County Update, Freeholder Sarnoski

- WCEDC reorganization meeting next month; will need Secretary Officer.
- WC Agriculture Agent – Rutgers prioritizing replacement.
- Prioritize the need for a point of contact from each municipality.

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 conducted a presentation on the Mansfield Township EDAC Strategic Plan, budget, accomplishments and proposed projects.
- Comment - business directory for County needs to be developed.
- Oxford is considering a 100 unit townhome development. Also, working on a formal plan for future development.

Close Comments from the Public

New Business:

- Send goals for 2017 to Chair Schultheis.
- Schedule for 2017 meetings will be emailed shortly.

Next Meeting:

January 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Ms. Kirchuk, seconded by Mr. Tersigni, made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 AM.