



WARREN COUNTY  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE



**Meeting Minutes of  
August 9, 2018, 8:00 a.m.  
Wayne Dumont Administration Building  
165 County Rte. 519 Belvidere, NJ 07823-1949**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Betty Schultheis at 8:00am

**ROLL CALL** Present Eve Azar, John Kruk, Chris Maier, Jim Palitto, Linda Stettler and Betty Schultheis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Linda Stettler and seconded by Eve Azar to approve the July 12, 2018 Minutes the motion passed.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- **EDC Members, County Staff**
- **New EDC member,** Jim Palitto was welcomed by Chair, Schultheis. Jim is currently a Councilman in Lopatcong and a member of the Lopatcong EDC.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- John Kruk met with WCCC President Will Austin, who has done work and prepared documentation concerning the importance of Elected Officials and Land Use Board members understanding the challenges facing new business owners. He will work with John to adapt it for our use with the municipalities. A motion was made by Chris Maier, seconded by John Kruk, to authorize an expenditure of \$3,000 for John Kruk's project with WCCC. It was noted that the Freeholders would have to authorize the money after receiving the recommendation from the EDC. The motion was approved.
- Dave Dech reported that the County is now trialing the mechanized LUB Processes and he would welcome input from EDC members.
- Corey Tierney reported that the Grow Consultants are still working on their portion of the Grant.
- Betty presented the Posters that Steve designed for the EDC display at the County Farmers Fair. Linda suggested that we present them to the various municipalities and leave them on loan to display in their lobbies. She would like to take them to White Township and Belvidere this month. John said he would like to have them on display in Hope next month.
- Mitch was not present to present the letter he is writing to the Farm Bureau,
- Betty has talked to Congressman Gottheimer's Office concerning Grant availability for municipalities seeking to plan for economic development. She will write a letter.

- Betty reported that Andrea is working in the RFP for the communications work we would like to have done for the EDC.
- Art reported on the large number of people signing up for “Warren County Wanderings” at the Fair.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Since the discussion was about the Phillipsburg Mall it was rolled into The NEW BUSINESS Segment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Palitto and James Most set the stage for what has occurred recently at the Mall with the roof falling in at the Lopatcong portion of the Mall.

Both Lopatcong and Pohatcong are currently completing the paperwork to change the zoning of the Mall so that they might apply for “redevelopment” funding. Jim Kyle, the Planner for Pohatcong is working with both towns regarding this process.

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**NEXT MEETING:** October 11, 2018-8:00am Wayne Dumont Administration Building 165 County Rte, 519 South, Belvidere, NJ 07823--1949

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Maier and seconded by John Kruk.