

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2009

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on September 8, 2009, at the Ben Franklin Elementary School.

Statement of Proper Notice

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk, and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building, and mailing to the Trenton Times, the Trentonian and the Lawrence Ledger.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of the solar panel installation conducted by Tom Eldridge, Business Administrator.

The roll was called as follows at 8:00 pm:

Present: Chairperson Christopher Bobbitt, Vice-Chairperson Lovette Love-Stevens, Ryan Kennedy, Michael Pratico, James Cordingley, Kenneth Kiernan, and Mayor Pamela Mount

Excused Absence: John Conroy, Cami Granahan, Charles Lavine, and Karen Vincent-Lavanga

Absent: Tushar Patel

Also Present: Leon Kaplan, Board of Education Liaison,
Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate,
Michael Powers, Council Liaison

Public Comment

None

Awards Program Planning

- Sponsors have been approached. Councilman Powers will contact First Bank.
- Cami Granahan has sent out press releases to the press. It has also been posted on the Township website.
- The Chamber is also advertising the event. The Committee agreed that there needs to be coordination so that all sponsors receive equal billing.
- The award bowls have been commissioned.
- Councilwoman Mount will explore the possibility of video taping the event.

Community Day Planning

- Award winners and redevelopment plans will be featured.
- Lovette Love-Stevens and Ryan Kennedy will make themselves available to staff the table. A sign-up sheet will be sent out.

Route 1 Redevelopment Committee Report

- The project is being engineered. The sidewalks and amenities will be the responsibility of the Township. The County is balking at the Whitehead Road part. Interns are preparing designs.

Permit Process Booklet Advertisers

- Ken Kiernan had someone in mind to ask to advertise as a part of the permit booklet. The Committee still needs two more advertisers in addition to that one.

Meeting Speakers and Venues

- Possible meeting venues are the Lawrence Neighborhood Service Center, the Brearley House, the Princeton Area Community Association, Project Freedom, Datacolor, Special Olympics, and the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church.

Meeting Cancellation

- The October meeting was canceled because it is the same day as the awards.

Other Business

- Councilwoman Mount made the Committee aware of the a Greenhouse Gas grant application to construct sidewalks, begin implementation of Mercer Crossings, and create awareness of local businesses. The Committee could be of assistance with the latter and will participate in a joint meeting with Gepna.
- Councilwoman Mount distributed Greenway guides and informed the Committee about the “Walk This Way” event on October 4 at 10:00 AM in Village Park.
- Mr. Kiernan outlined the need to improve the Township’s athletic fields.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 10, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the Growth & Redevelopment Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

J. Andrew Link
Principal Planner