

GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2015

The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 6:38 p.m., in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room.

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 roll was called as follows at 6:38 p.m.:

Present: Christopher Bobbitt, Ryan Kennedy, Lovette Love-Stevens, Tushar Patel, Charles Lavine, John Conroy, John Schloesser, Jose Ramos, Donald Addison

Excused Absence: Boynton R. Weekes, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison

Absent: Danielle Delprato, Andrew Bedryk, Howard Nelson

Also Present: Andrew Link, Principal Planner/Business Advocate, Mike Pine and Susan Snook, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

The June 9, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment:

None

Redevelopment of Lawrence Shopping Center:

Chairperson Bobbitt stated that some of the Board members who would know information regarding the redevelopment is not present at tonight's meeting; however, he noticed that the parking lot is complete.

Awards Program:

Chairperson Bobbitt spoke with the Chamber today and the Boys and Girls Club is a go for the Wednesday after Columbus Day which is October 14, 2015 at 8:00 am. Mr. Conroy asked about if the parking lot will be big enough.

Chairperson Bobbitt stated that the retired CEO of Wawa will be in Germany; however, his contact will try for the current President & CEO to possibly speak if available.

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Award Winners:

The Board members discussed the nominations and selected the following:

Mayors Award:	Captain Paul's
New Large Business:	Wawa
New Small Business:	Gingered Peach
Business Service Award	Boys & Girls Club
Residential:	Buckmiller, LLC for 2663/2665 Main Street
New Building/Renovation:	Mrs. G's
Podmore/Dwyer Historic:	Lawrence Intermediate School
Ralph Copleman Env.:	Lawrence Hopewell Trail

Mr. Lavine questioned if we have a new large business and do not want to recognize the developer, what would happen if we brought the smaller company, parent of McDonald's, bring them in together and would be fitting because it is the third generation. The Board members stated to keep it for just the Wawa for being the first one with a gas station.

Mr. Conroy asked if the Board members still present the awards and the presenters will be chosen at the next meeting. Mr. Ramos volunteered to present the Lawrence Intermediate School award.

Sign Ordinance:

None

Other Business:

Mr. Addison spoke about Councilman's Brame funeral service that it showed what a good person he was. Mr. Lavine stated that there were eight to nine emergency vehicles as a tribute to Councilman Brame because that was their admiration for him as a Councilperson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Digital audio file of this meeting is available upon request.


Susan Snook, Secretary
Growth & Redevelopment Committee