

New Britain Borough Community and Business Committee Meeting minutes for January 8, 2015

In attendance: Stephen Barth, Lynn Bush, Debbie Byrne, Marie Esher Coia, Jackie D'Agostino, Steven Gieseler, Jeff Gilmore, Steven Gilmore, David Joss, Lorraine Moxey, Dick Moxey, & Bill Vandegrift.

7:30 PM Chairman Jeff Gilmore called the meeting to order. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and approved the November minutes.

Stephen Barth showed a power-point presentation, which was an overview of our committees', work and his work during 2014 with additional ideas going forward. He discussed the Knoell property, the Joint Planning Committee with New Britain Borough, Delaware Valley College, and Doylestown Township, the Town Center Shopping Center, Delaware Valley College, (soon to be a university) the Butler Avenue corridor, and the DVRPC TCDI planning grant New Britain Borough has been awarded.

Lynn Bush reported that the Bucks County Planning Commission has begun working on our DVRPC TCDI grant. She suggested the steering committee for this grant should be this committee and the New Britain Borough Planning Commission. A joint meeting was scheduled for our regularly scheduled February meeting to begin discussing the grant. The office will contact members of the planning commission.

Jeff Gilmore spoke about letters he sent to 17 businesses in the industrial park area. He also enumerated Borough Councils' 2015 agenda including:

- ◆ Complete the updated Comprehensive Plan
- ◆ Complete the Butler Avenue DVRPC TCDI grant
- ◆ Complete the bike & hike path down Tamenend Avenue to the railroad station
- ◆ Complete the Burkart Hall community development grant renovations
- ◆ Search and apply for other grants
- ◆ Continue and enhance communications with borough businesses
- ◆ Continue with the joint planning committee mentioned above

Since there are so many new members of the CBC, **Marie Esher Coia** distributed the results of the business survey for new members to review. The committee prepared and sent to businesses in the summer of 2012. There was a 39% response rate to that survey.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, which will be a joint meeting with the NBB planning commission. Steve Gilmore kindly volunteered the conference room in his office building because of the large numbers of attendees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. Respectfully submitted, Marie Esher Coia