

Berlin Borough Economic Development Committee Minutes

September 8th, 2015

Call To Order : 7:05

Flag Salute:

Roll Call:

Chairman Drew Straub	Absent
Member Carl Canfield	Present
Member Kevin McHugh	Absent
Member James Knight-	Present
Member Bob Suchowierski	Absent
Member Roger Strong-	Present
Member Bob Foster-	Absent
Member Casey Buchanan-	Present
Member Mike Latigona-	Present
Alt Marie Ryan	Present
Alt Stephanie Hasbrouck-Spancake-	Present
Alt Patricia Cummings-	Present (at 7:45pm.)

At this time, Carl Canfield read a letter submitted to the board from Drew Straub. Drew due to work schedules, has to resign from Chairman, as well as the board. He has recommended that Carl Canfield take over for the remainder of the year as Chairman. With Drew's nomination, Roger seconded the nomination, all in favor. The Board welcomed Marie Ryan, new board member.

Social Media-Carl is updating the Facebook Page. The board will be scheduling a meeting with Mayor Armano and the Borough Solicitor, Howard Long, to get information on what's permitted and not permitted. (Do's and Don'ts). Casey asked for a copy of the facebook policy.

Property: We discussed the Plan that Mike had presented regarding contacting Realtors, and the packet that was put together with the Assistance of the Mayor and the zoning destinations with a brief description of each zone and what is permitted. Mike addressed the budget, and the packets, getting the property listings online, and having a website, there would be approximately a \$350 start up fee for

the first year. Carl mentioned he isn't sure if Council has a copy of the packet yet. Carl will be attending the Council meeting this week.

Networking:

Budget-Mike asked exactly what our budget is and what is it allocated for? Debbie will get that information and email it to Carl. It was discussed to no longer renew the Chamber of Commerce, as it has not assisted us in anyway.

Activities: Mike brought up information about the Celebration Committee, they need a slogan, and the idea was brought up of having a Community Contest. Jim Knight asked what the Celebration Committee does, as he is part of the Rotary Club. Marie Ryan and Mike are in charge of the Celebration Committee, and are willing to help with other committees. Goals are set, and there are 5 subcommittee members. We handle small annual events to unify the Community, it's non-partisan to encourage growth. Jim will bring this information to the Rotary. Casey mentioned that not having the fireworks brought out a lot of volunteers.

Welcome: No report given at this Time

Good Of the order: There was discussion regarding the property near the Cemetery that may be for sale, "Simone's Farm". An idea was brought up to have something similar to "Johnson's Farm", and have hay rides, a petting zoo, etc.

Meeting was concluded at 8:30

Motion was made by Jim Knight and Seconded by Mike Latigona.