

# W E S HANOVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Mike Geppert, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

13 members & 2 guests present

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer by Mike Geppert

July birthdays announced – Dave Finger, Deb Fleischer, Norm Zoumas & Steve Snedecker

Members introduced themselves and the companies that they represent.

Mike reminded members to invite friends and neighbors to join

Mike shared the details for the disc golf tournament at EHT. Devon Dibiase has set up paypal for the event. Practice date was held on 6/25 and was a lot of fun. We are still in need of sponsors.

A thank you note was received from Olivia Friedrich, LD senior award winner.

Mike gave the treasurer's report – Balance of \$1,253.35. Motion made by Dave Finger to accept the report, seconded by Norm Zoumas. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike presented the June minutes. Jan Bahret made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John Vigilante. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Cornell – East Hanover Twp report –

- Sheetz on 743 & 22 is now open. Grand opening was on Tuesday 6/10.
- Working on planning the 2020 sewer project.
- Updating zoning ordinance
- Held meeting with BOS to do a financial plan through 2034
- Reiterated disc golf tournament details
- Summer camp program is running

South Hanover Twp – No members present.

Don Steinmeier - West Hanover Twp report –

- Tornado touched down in Piketown. Public Works team and PPL did a great job coordinating clean up.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a public meeting to discuss issues with Waste Management contract.
- \$22 million elementary school construction project underway
- DEP is collecting info for sewer project in the township. Should begin in 2019
- Holding a health insurance workshop for employees

Next meeting will be held August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Skyline Restaurant. Mike Geppert will be sponsoring and Scott Perry will be the guest speaker.

Christmas party is scheduled on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Linglestown Legion. The Timeless Band will be the entertainment.

Meeting Sponsor – Tony Acri with Anthony Acri Insurance.

- Tony introduced himself to members & discussed an article on LinkedIn about Midwest manufacturing and their struggle to find good employees. Discussed alternatives to finding employees through work release and probation centers and the benefits of doing so. Noted that there are government programs that offer assistance and free bonds. He introduced his guest speakers, Miles Miller and Merideth Zurin.

Miles Miller – Deputy Director of Work Release Program for Dauphin County

- Located at 19<sup>th</sup> & Gibson St. in Harrisburg.
- 230 residents, almost all employed.
- Residents are monitored very closely with daily alcohol testing, drug testing, ankle monitors, etc.
- \$9.33 is the average wage with rent (23% of salary), child support and expenses taken from checks by the center.
- Residents collectively perform 30,000 hours of community service annually.
- Work release program is a more economical option for taxpayers than incarceration.

Merideth Zurin – Quality Assurance Director of Adult Probation for Dauphin County

- Has been in law enforcement for 14 years.
- Noted that the opioid epidemic results in higher recidivism rate, which is 77%.
- Offenders are tracked through home contacts & employment checks
- Treatment models for offenders are outdated and need addressed
- She works with families and employers to rehabilitate offenders and provide life skills.
- Approximately 8,000 offenders in the county with 65 officers.
- Caseload is 50 – 60, which is low in PA
- Noted that there are tax benefits for businesses employing offenders.

Mike Geppert thanked the speakers for joining the meeting.

Dave Finger noted that Triple K is a great growing company. They are adding a new facility in York in addition to Harrisburg and Carlisle.

Dave Finger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 am, seconded by Norm Zoumas. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Don Holmes on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

# ATTENDANCE

## Member / Guest Name

## Company / Organization

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Mike Geppert        | Skyline Business Center        |
| 2. Don Holmes          | WHT Parks & Recreation         |
| 3. Don Steinmeier      | WHT BOS                        |
| 4. Janet Hardman       | WHT Zoning & Planning          |
| 5. Randy Oellig        | Life Leadership                |
| 6. Norm Zoumas         | Office of Ron Marsico          |
| 7. Jan Bahret          | BC Interiors                   |
| 8. Paul Cornell        | EHT Manager                    |
| 9. John Vigilante      | Interstate Batteries           |
| 10. Dave Finger        | Blue Mountain Building Stone   |
| 11. Tom Shingara       | Triple K Fleet                 |
| 12. Michael Filanowski | MAF Financial Services         |
| 13. Tony Acri          | Anthony Acri Insurance Agency  |
| 14. Miles Miller       | Dauphin County Work Release    |
| 15. Meredith Zurin     | Dauphin County Adult Probation |