

WES HANOVER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

August 10, 2017 Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the Skyline Diner for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am with President Bette Porter of Fulton Bank presiding. There were 18 people present – 17 members and 1 guest. The guest was Richard Zaino, President, of the Manada Conservancy. We stood for Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Bette Porter.

Each person introduced themselves and their business they represent along with a 30 second commercial.

August birthdays include: Mike Geppert, Ed Shirk and Paul Cornell. A hearty “Happy Birthday” was sung to those members present.

Bette reminded members to spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships. Membership dues are still only \$45.00 which covers the remaining months of this year. Remember first meeting is free.

We received a thank you note from McKenzy Lilliock who was the Lower Dauphin recipient of the Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award.

The Deer Valley Golf outing will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017. We are asking that each member donate one or two door prizes for this outing. They can be dropped off at the Skyline View Branch of Fulton Bank for Bette. Thanks to the members who have already done this – very much appreciated! Please consider sponsoring a tee sign for only \$50.00 which will display your business by one of the holes for everyone to see. Please pass the flyers out to friends and businesses. If you are interested in golfing, the cost is only \$65.00 per golfer which includes lunch. Lunch buffet only is \$20.00. The deadline to sign up and pay is August 25, 2017.

Treasurer report by Jan Bahret, treasurer. Balance is \$3,351.86. A motion to accept the report was made by Mike Yingling of Remax Delta Group with a second by Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Township. Motion was voted upon and approved by members.

A motion to accept the July 13, 2017, minutes as written was made by Jan Bahret of B.C. Interiors with a second Paul Wagner of Hershey Federal Credit Union. Thanks Deb Fleisher for taking the minutes. Motion was voted upon and approved by members.

Report from East Hanover Township – Mike Yingling, Supervisor:

- Beginning the budget process. No anticipation of a tax increase this year.
- Not sure of effect on East Hanover budget for the PA gaming money which is presently being stalled due to ruling by judge. Currently going into the PA confers.
- Sheetz located at the corner of 743 and 22 has final plan approved. Anticipate opening within a year.

Report from South Hanover Township – None as Penny Pollick no longer employed at the Township.

Report from West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman/Don Steinmeier.

- 8/19/17 is Community Day at Houck Manor Park.
- New truck has been obtained to replace one destroyed in accident.
- Plan for property located across from the Manor Restaurant is being worked on. This is to include a 30 acre park.
- Houck Manor sewer project to be completed in 2018. The majority, if not all homes, will require grinder pumps. A public meeting with the Water & Sewer Authority will be held for individuals affected by this on August 22, 2017, at 6:30.
- There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board.

Upcoming events in the community include:

- Remaining two movies in Skyline Commons Park on 8/15 and 8/22.
- Music in the Park at Skyline Commons Park to include music as well as a food truck – Thursday night, 8/17, 9/14 and 10/12.
- Kid's Fest will be held by Ron Marsico at the Heroes Grove in Brightbill Park on 8/19/17.
- Golf tournament by VFW 9639 Auxiliary in Shellsville to benefit Susquehanna Service Dogs and Auxiliary projects to be held 9/25/17 at Manada Golf Course. Cost is \$50 per golfer. Contact Diane Suhr for more information.

Our sponsor for today is West Hanover Township. Their guest and speaker is Richard Zaino from Manada Conservancy. Rich explained that the Manada Conservancy is a nonprofit organization which is trying to save natural resources within Dauphin County. The organization is funded by individual and corporate memberships as well as some fundraising events.

The Conservancy is preserving land to maintain biologic diversity. Approximately 150,000 acres are protected in Dauphin County which includes preserved farmland as well as state parks, forests and game lands. Preservation of land starts with an inquiry by the landowner. Manada Conservancy will then sit down with the landowner to figure out what they want to accomplish with their land. If they choose a conservation easement this will restrict what they can do with their land. This process takes many months to possible years to accomplish. The landowner is made aware that this easement will reduce the value of their property due to the restrictions placed on it. The easement will be held by the Manada Conservancy who is responsible for the monitoring of the property. They currently have 40 parcels with approximately 2,000 acres to monitor.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12. Our speaker/sponsor for that meeting is Paul Wagner with Hershey Federal Credit Union. Hope to see everyone here for our next meeting!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Suhr