

WES Hanover Business Association

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday March 12, 2015 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15am. The meeting started at 7:30 a.m. with President Bette Porter presiding. Bette called the meeting to order. Everyone stood for the pledge to the American flag followed by prayer by Bette Porter.

Welcome to all members and guests. Our guest today was Bob Stafford of Keystone Corrections. He was invited by Terry Davis. There were 14 members present.

Everyone introduced themselves and gave a 30 second commercial about their business.

To date we have 30 members. If you haven't renewed, please do so today. We currently have approx. 14 that have not renewed their membership.

Bette gave a reminder about our WES Business invitation cards. Remember to give them to people who live or have a business in West, East or South Hanover Townships. We are extending membership to Derry Twp, Lower Paxton Twp and Hummelstown Borough.

We have 2 openings for 2015 meeting sponsorship. Bette explained the process and encouraged everyone to use the opportunity to let others know about their business.

We have sponsored all three townships (West, East and South Hanover) baseball/softball teams this year.

Updates:

1) Social Committee: The committee is waiting for the winter weather to break before scheduling any game nights or other social activities.

2) Membership Committee: Jay Reale Notes:

1. Business sponsors an evening mixer
2. Come Visit our Business Event
3. Food Partners : sponsor a business lunch
4. Referral: 1st current member to refer 4 Members wins a prize!
5. Lets go meet our business partners that are not members: Membership Committee visits local establishment to invite them to become members of WES Hanover Business Association
6. We need to decide from ideas 1/2/3 once a month.
7. Ask for Ideas from the group?
8. Goal is to get the business more involved and getting them more face time

Reports:

- 1) West Hanover Township Public Safety: Jay Megonnell – no report
- 2) West Hanover Township: Gloria Zimmerman – no report
- 3) East Hanover Township: Deb Casey - The new public works building – The project has not yet gone out to bid.
- 4) We have been experiencing leaks in the municipal building's roof. The roof is 29 years old and the Board has decided to replace it. We also got a "loan" of some salt from PennDOT since our supply is low and we have no idea when our next order will come in. The Road Crew will start patching potholes today.

The Township will have its new website up and running by the end of April.

Park and Recreation –

East Hanover Township Parks and Recreation continues to offer discounted ski and snowboarding tickets, and will soon have discounted tickets for amusement park and outdoor recreation areas as well. Discounted movie tickets for Regal Cinema are available year round. Ticket prices can be found on the EHT Park and Recreation Facebook page and at the township building. In order to ensure ticket availability, please call for up-to-date information.

Any business representative with a vested interest in the development of East Hanover Township's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Master Site Plan should contact the office to be identified as a person who should be contacted for a key person interview or to become a member of the Plan Study Committee. This project is now in the initiation phase so please make your interest known by contacting the Park and Recreation Director as soon as possible.

Fire Co. – The Fire Co. will have a spaghetti dinner at the municipal building on Friday, March 13th from 4:30 until 7:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 per person, children 3-12 \$3.50. Friday, March 20th Villa Rosa will be donating 20% of their take to the Fire Co.

5) South Hanover Township: Penny Pollick - Salt –

a) Like many townships in the County, South Hanover Township had a hard time getting salt deliveries this past month. Fortunately, PennDOT had an ample supply and graciously shared theirs with the Township. The Township was not pleased with their contracted supplier this year, Morton Salt Co.

b) Potholes – Now that the winter season is over the Township will be patching the many potholes that have been created.

c) Street Sweeping – The Township is currently looking to rent a street sweeper to clean up the residual anti-skid materials left on the roadside from this winter.

Flooding – Now that the snow is melting there is concern of flooding within the Township.

d) The Swatara Creek is looking pretty full and about to spill over its banks.

e) Parks & Recreation – The Township looks forward to working with Judge, Lowell Witmer who was just appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board.

f) Sewer Authority – The Township currently has one opening on the Sewer Authority. Anyone interested in serving on the Board can contact Penny Pollick at ppollick@southhanover.org

g) Candidates – As a result of the recent Board decision to rezone the golf course and allow Milton Hershey Schools to build more student homes, four new residents have made application to run for the two open Supervisor positions.

6) Treasurer's Report: Tom Stewart – Current balance is \$4,706.00. Motion made by Jay Reale To accept treasurer's report, seconded by Natalie Kratzer. All approved.

7) Meeting Minutes: Minutes from January and February meetings were emailed or sent to all members. Motion was made by Penny Pollick to accept, seconded by Jay Reale. All approved.

Our sponsor for this month was Daryl Weaver of auto Tech automotive. Daryl shared with us some basics on the services and products provided by Auto Tech. He brought with him a copy of their monthly newsletter that highlights current specials and has coupons. He gave us some helpful tips on preventative maintenance and its value. Daryl proudly shared with us that Auto Tech Automotive was recently AAA approved. The requirements to earn this are very strict and this is something the business is honored to have obtained.

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 9th. Our speaker/sponsor will be Kaori Kelly of Keystone Human Services.

Breakfast buffet at 7:15 a.m. with meeting following at 7:30 a.m.

Many members were not present, we did miss you!!!

REMEMBER, NEW MEMBERS !!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Fleisher
Secretary