

WES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 am

Call to Order - Bette Porter called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Members and guests were welcomed.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer - Prayer by Pastor Bob Stiem.

Introductions - Members introduced themselves and their businesses.

Birthdays - Birthday for March Nora Blair!

Membership & Dues - Bette reminded members that dues are only \$45 for 2019. Spread the word about WES to your colleagues and friends.

Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$2,103.60 submitted by Bette Porter. Mike Yingling made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Tony Acri. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – Jan Bahret made a motion to accept meeting minutes for February as presented, seconded by Terry Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

Committees – Bette reiterated the need for committee chairs and members. Some members have already responded but more are needed. Devon DiBiase is heading over getting these committees together, if you have any questions or want to be a part of this, please contact her.

Meeting Sponsors – There are a couple of dates left open for meeting sponsors. Nora Blair from South Hanover Township will sponsor April meeting

Golf Outing – Discussion was held as to the future direction of golf / disc golf tournament. Possible fundraising event at Cassell Winery.

East Hanover Township Report

Paul Cornell, EHT Manager –

1. Township exploring purchase of VFW picnic grounds for additional park land in the township
2. New P&R Director – Jhane Kunkel. Jhane is working on new programming for residents
3. Updating trail layout in park system
4. 2019 paving project underway
5. 2020 sewer project planning near completion
6. MS4 Stormwater management plan in the works

Mike Yingling, EHT Supervisor –

1. Mr. Yingling advised members to use caution on 743 between EHT & Hershey due to culvert replacement.

South Hanover Township Report

Nora Blair, SHT Supervisor –

1. Ms. Blair praised new township manager, Lynn Wuestner, on her work for the township.
2. 'The Crossings' development underway and expecting completion by late spring.
3. Residential Cluster ordinance being updated

Lynn Wuestner, SHT Manager –

1. Updating the township's short-term rental ordinance.
2. Working on a traffic study on the Grandview Drive corridor.
3. Patriot Park – Phase 2: Adding amphitheater and pickleball court

4. Public Works team is updating equipment that was much needed

West Hanover Township Report

Don Steinmeier, WHT Supervisor

1. Working with State Representative Andrew Lewis to address future revenue of state taxed marijuana being directed back to local government to offset unfunded mandates.
2. Workshop with Andrew Lewis on 3/18 to address sewer project financing and misdirection of funds from casino grant monies.

Janet Hardman, Zoning Administrator –

1. Explained timeline for WH MS4 planning. Still needs input from business owners in the township
2. Discussed developer's interest in rezoning large property on 39 by CNS warehouses.

Don Holmes, P&R –

1. Don talked about upcoming events at the WH Community Center.

Lower Paxton Township Report – No report

Upcoming Events – Tony Acri is holding a 'Social Media Strategies' seminar at WH Parks & Rec on April 2nd from 8:30 – 10:00 am.

Meeting Sponsor Presentation – Mike Yingling – Remax Delta Group

Mr. Yingling distributed an informational packet outlining local demographics and other useful information for potential buyers / sellers in the township. Discussed \$200 million highway project. I83Beltway.com to learn more about the project. Distributed Grantville Fire Company magazine to members. Mr. Yingling spoke about the importance of positivity, mentoring, and setting goals for yourself and others. It was a very inspirational and uplifting presentation.

Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Don Holmes