

WES Hanover Business Association

March 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday March 9, 2017 at the Skyline Family Restaurant for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting started at 7:30 am with Bette Porter, president, presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 24 attendees. Everyone stood for the pledge to the American flag followed by prayer by Pastor Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church.

Each person introduced themselves and what business they represent.

We celebrated February (Terry Davis, Daryl Weaver, Bob McRedmond, Jason Roberts and Randy Oellig) and March birthdays (Bob Nicolodi, Claudia Whiston and Jennifer Downie).

The Membership Committee (Tony Acri, Mike Geppert and Bette Porter) met on Monday January 30th. They discussed different ways to advertise our WES association. We were able to put a small ad in each of the township's newsletters that are mailed out to their residences. Our website is updated and we're trying to get our facebook page more user friendly. It's out there but difficult to post anything. Tony priced the cost advertising in the Hummelstown Sun. It is \$11 per column inch. Mike found out that advertising in the Paxton Herald is free for nonprofit organizations. Bette asked everyone to continue to spread the word to others and encourage them to visit one of our meetings.

We have monthly sponsors for the remainder of 2017. Thanks to all those that are signed up.

We have sent our annual local contributions to East, South and West Hanover Baseball/Softball Associations this year. With East Hanover we get our names on the uniforms. With South Hanover we get our names on the jerseys and we're listed on their organization website. With West Hanover we get recognition on opening day and listed on their website.

2017 membership renewals are now due. \$45 is the annual fee. If nothing has changed you can drop off or give Bette your check. If your email address has changed please let Bette know. Emails will be going out next week to remind our members that haven't paid yet. Most have already renewed-thank you. Guests first time visit is free.

Lower Dauphin's Senior Awards Program has been scheduled for Wednesday May 24th. We will be presenting our annual "Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award" to a senior with the best essay on what they have learned so far that will be applied to their business goals in life. Central Dauphin's Senior Awards Program is scheduled for Wednesday May 17th. We do this annually to support our local schools. Bette Porter will be doing the Lower Dauphin presentation, Mike Geppert will be doing the Central Dauphin presentation.

Two dates to keep open for 2017: Our Deer Valley Golf outing is scheduled for Friday September 8 and our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday December 15. Thanks to Norm Zoumas for recommending our entertainment. "The Timeless Band" has been booked for our Christmas party to be held at the Linglestown American Legion. We will be having a buffet dinner and entertainment.

Weather related issues: In the event they are calling for bad weather on one of our meeting dates Bette will be making the decision to cancel the day before the meeting. Emails will be sent out as well as placing the information on the abc27 website.

Reports:

1) Treasurers Report: Bette Porter (in the absence of Jan Bahret) Current balance is \$2,345.10. In May we will be distributing \$600 towards our Senior Award Program. Our other expenses will be our monthly breakfast meetings, the golf outing in September and the Christmas party in December. We usually make a good profit on our annual golf outing. Mike Yingling, Remax Delta Group, made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Paul Wagner, Hershey Federal Credit Union. Approved by all.

2) Minutes from January's meeting were emailed to all members. One correction was noted. Gloria Zimmerman, WHT supervisor, made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Mike Yingling, Remax Delta Group. Approved by all.

3) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick - We are currently working on our ACT 537 Plan and hope to complete and submit it to DEP by the end of the year.

1. The Township has also completed mapping all inlets, outfalls, swales, etc. as part of our MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) requirements.
2. The Township is in the midst of building its new park at the Municipal Complex. The park, once completed, will have an amphitheater, outdoor restrooms, a large playground, several walking paths and exercise stations. There is Community Build slated for Saturday, April 22nd and we welcome all to come out and participate in building our pirate ship playground.
3. I attended a HATS (Harrisburg Area Transportation Study) meeting yesterday to discuss their Regional Freight Plan. HATS is concerned with truck and rail transportation in and through our major corridors and had requested surrounding Townships for their feedback and input. I reiterated the need for all railway under passes to be upgraded as many have been neglected and are crumbling. Some are truly scary to drive under/through.
4. Development wise, the Township has one large plan before the Board. The Crossings of Hershey is a Memory Care, Assisted and Independent Living facility that will have approximately 254 living quarters once built out. The Crossings is looking to place this facility on the triangle at Route 39, Hanover and Canal Streets.
5. The Township will be awarding the Micro-Surfacing bid at their upcoming March 14th meeting with work to start soon thereafter.
6. The Planning Commission is currently working on several ordinance revisions as well as updating our Comprehensive Plan.
7. As of the March 8th deadline, the Township has (8) candidates in the running for (2) open Supervisor positions. All candidates are Republican.

4) East Hanover Township – Mike Yingling – Primary elections will be held May 16. There are 2 supervisor positions open. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Public Works building was held recently. The Planning Committee is entertaining questions about the possibility of a Sheetz going in at the intersection of Rt 22 and Rt 743. Comprehensive Plan is being reviewed. Parks and Rec is in the process of planning an extensive trail system along with lots of other types of entertainment.

5) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman/Don Steinmeier – There will be 4 Public Hearings held on April 3. There are 3 supervisor positions open to be filled on May 16 election day. Sewer project is

still in process. There is legislature in process trying to have all municipalities have their own police force. Parks & Rec is working on 5 parks that are in need of improvements. Among them are the Fairville Park and the Lenker Park. Bus trips and activities are advertised in the monthly e-newsletter.

Upcoming Events: Mt Laurel Church of God is having a Spaghetti Dinner on March 25. All proceeds will support Fisher House. The Grantville Fire Company is having a Spaghetti Dinner on March 10. Lowell Witmer has a FT clerk position open. Salary is \$23K with good benefits. Please call Lowell if you know of anyone who may be a good candidate.

Our guest speaker for this month was Mike Yingling of Remax Delta Group. After introducing his staff he gave a brief history of the company and provided everyone with a packet of information. Remax Delta works with both residential and commercial properties all over the state.

Mike then showed a brief video and gave a presentation on "Hope International", a faith based missions organization started by Jeff Rutt that is near and dear to him. He has participated in missions trips with them and strongly encourages others to do the same. He briefly explained how their financing works and asked anyone with further questions to contact him.

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 13 with Betsy Howell from Redfern Canine as the sponsor. She is having a very special guest speaker. Brian is a paraplegic with a very encouraging story to share about his life's journey. You are welcomed to bring a guest, spouse, friend or co-worker with you.

Respectfully submitted

Deb Fleisher, Fulton Bank