

**WES Hanover Business Association**  
**August 11, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday August 11, 2016 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15 am. The meeting started at 7:30 am with President Bette Porter presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 19 members and 3 guests. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance 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. Our guests this month were Franklin Scheib of Fisher House (also our guest speaker), Claudia Whiston of Primeria and Randy Oellig of Interstate Battery.

We sang Happy Birthday to our July and August birthday members. July's were Tom Stewart, Dave Finger and Deb Fleisher. August's are Mike Geppert and Ed Shirk.

Bette once again asked us to spread the word about our association to those who live or have their business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring areas. We are still looking for any active members who would help with the membership committee. The goal is to call or go out and visit local businesses and let them know about our organization.

Bette passed around the copy of the new Grantville Fire Company Book so everyone could see the ad that was placed in by the association. Bette also mentioned that the Skyline Diner would like us to have our meetings there once their new banquet room is completed. They are anticipating completion in the next few months. She will keep us updated. Anyone willing to have a cookout or game night at their place is to let Bette know. We would like to have a social event for our members and guest.

Bette gave a thank you to everyone who sponsored a month for 2016. If you would like to sponsor a month in 2017 let Bette know. We already have 3 months filled for 2017.

Bob Stern of Deer Valley Golf Course gave a report on the outcome of our July 15 annual golf outing. We made a net profit of \$2,243.87. Complete report is attached. Next years' golf outing will be in September 16th. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this event!!! We had 56 golfers this year. 30 Tee signs and 10 lunches.

**Reports:**

- 1) Treasurer's report- Tom Stewart, West Hanover Township Tax Collector. Balance as of 7/31/2016 is \$5,679.65. Motion made by Paul Wagner, Hershey Federal Credit Union to accept as read, seconded by Mike Geppert of Skyline View Business Center. All approved.
- 2) Minutes from June's meeting were emailed to all members. Motion made by Mike Yingling, of Remax Delta Group Inc to accept, seconded by Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters. All approved.
- 3) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman-
  - Working on paving projects around the Township
  - Hiring a new Parks and Rec. Director
  - Working on completing Parks/Rec. Comp Plan
  - 5 week summer program went well
  - Senior lunches, 3rd Thursday of each month
  - 2 more movies in the park
  - Community Day Sat. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>
  - A big Thank You to WES for their support
  - We will be starting to build a storage room onto the rec hall
  - Public meetings will be held on ECHO Housing, the sewer project in Houck Manor and Holiday Park

- 4) East Hanover Township – Mike Yingling – The grand opening of Brooks Power Sports was held. AJ's is the parent company of this new business. They will be joining the association. Sept 6 will be the last meeting for the comprehensive park and open space plan. Mike gave hi lights of the projects that are being considered. Funding from government agencies is being used for most of the projects. The final payment on the new fire house was made in June. They are now debt free.
- 5) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick –  
Road Projects – Overlay on Orchard road has been completed and Micro-Surfacing will begin around September 1<sup>st</sup> in and around the Meadows of Hanover development.
  - Municipal Complex – Construction is right on schedule, the Fire Company should be completed mid- September and the Municipal building around mid-November. The Traffic signal on Route 39 at Patriot and Milton Ways has been completed and is now fully operational.
  - Duke Street Bridge – Bridge beam and trusses will be arriving on August 18<sup>th</sup>. HRG Engineering firm has yet to determine the route of delivery as these beams are 100' long, that coupled with the length of the truck extends this out to approximately 140'.

Our sponsor/speaker for today is Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Township. Her guest speaker is Franklin Scheib from Fisher House. Frank gave an overview of how Fisher House was founded and many of the projects they do today. Their main mission is to serve military and veterans families in times of need. We each received a brochure outlining their program. Bob Stern made a motion that the WES Business Association make a \$500 donation to Fisher House. Seconded by Jan Bahret, all approved.

Upcoming events:

- 1) Jan Bahret reminded everyone that there are 2 more movie nights left this summer. They are held at the Skyline Park.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Sept 8th. Our speaker/sponsor will be Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters. He will be bringing guest speaker Dave Romeo, motivational speaker. Please plan to attend!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Fleisher  
Secretary