

WES Hanover Business Association

June 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday June 9, 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 18 members and 4 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.

Bette introduced the winners of the Roy Bridges Life Achievement Award and asked them a few questions about their future goals. Joseph Fredericks was the winner from Central Dauphin. Gabrielle James was the winner from Lower Dauphin.

Each person introduced themselves and what business they represent. June birthdays are: Mike Yingling, Gloria Zimmerman, Joe Hirsch and Bob Wolfe. We sang Happy Birthday to those present. Jan Bahrat of B.C Interiors passed out a trivia game for everyone to complete. Harry Capper of Captures LLC was the winner of the door prize having had the most correct answers.

- Bette reminded everyone to spread the word about our organization to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships.
- We are looking for any active members that would help with the membership committee. The goal is to let local businesses know about our organization and to grow our membership.
- Anyone willing to have a cookout or game night at their place should see Bette. We would like to have a social event for our members and guest.
- Thank you to everyone that has sponsored a month for 2016, all months are now filled. If you would like to sponsor a month in 2017 please let Bette know. There are 3 months already taken for 2017.
- A suggestion was made to place a half page ad in the West Hanover Township Community Festival flyer. Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters made a motion to place the ad, seconded by Jan Bahrat of B.C. Interiors. All approved. Gloria Zimmerman also informed us that Dixie Fesig, Parks and Recreation director, said that the WES Business Association was welcome to have a table/display at the festival at no cost. Bette asked for volunteers who would help out for this to let her know.
- Grantville Volunteer Fire Co is requesting that WES place an ad in their annual booklet. Motion was made by Jan Bahrat of B.C. Interiors to place the half page ad at the cost of \$75, seconded by Diane Suhr of Diana Reed and Assoc. Approved by all.
- Bob Stern gave an update on the upcoming golf outing. It is scheduled for Friday July 15 at Deer Valley Golf Course. Shotgun at 8:00 am. We still need sponsorships for tee signs and are still looking for golfers. Ads will be placed in the Paxton Herald as well as The Sun next week.
- On behalf of the association Bette extended condolences to Tom Stewart on the recent passing of his wife.

Reports:

- 1) Treasurer's reports – Tom Stewart, West Hanover Township Tax Collector. Balance as of May 31, 2016 is \$3,751.78. Motion made by Gloria Zimmerman, West Hanover Township supervisor to accept, seconded by Mike Yingling, East Hanover Township supervisor. Approved by all.
- 2) Minutes from May - Minutes were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Several corrections were made. Motion made by Dave Finger, Blue Mountain Stone, to accept with changes, seconded by Bob Stern, Deer Valley Golf Course. Approved by all.

- 3) South Hanover Township – Penny Pollick - The Municipal Complex is well underway. The Fire Station building is up, structural framing is complete and stucco and stone is now being applied. Framing work on the Municipal building is almost finished, roof trusses are going up and walls are being erected. Traffic along Route 39 has been difficult for many travelers as there have been some major unforeseen conditions. The shoulder work was never properly installed by PennDOT and there was no underdrainage in this area. The Township has had to go back in and fix this problem before being allowed to move forward. Good news is, today, (Thursday), should be the last of the major road work. Paving started yesterday and the contractor plans on working well into the night to get this job completed.
  1. Road projects for the Township will soon start. Orchard Road will be overlaid in its' entirety. Micro-Surfacing will be done in the areas of Meadowlark Lane, Christian Drive, Joshua Court, Cooper Road and both Brinser Road and Court.
  2. South Hanover Township is now in discussions with the Hershey Trust and Milton Hershey Schools to run an alternate sewer line through the Venice North project site. This additional line would ease up the flows on Hanover Street as there is a flat spot in that line which creates a bottleneck situation.
  3. In response to the question concerning the six acres for lease at the new Municipal site; that is true. There is a six acre tract of land up for lease and/or sale by the Hershey Trust. This property is located directly on Route 39 and can be accessed through Patriot Way. The Township is hoping for a nice "sit down" type restaurant in this location.
  4. It was also noted that Members 1st Federal Credit Union will be closing its' doors on Hershey Road. This too is also true. Members 1st will be relocating to Hummelstown; their build site is located between Subway and the ice cream shop.
- 4) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman – Plans for the Sheetz on Rt 39 have been forwarded to Dauphin County Planning Commission. Public meeting for ECHO housing will be announced. Discussions on plans as to how to slow down traffic on Manor Drive. Public Works are working on sealing/patching and various projects throughout the township. Workshop with Parks and Recreation to discuss changes at Park and Rec. Full time administrative assistant has been hired for parks and Recreation. Strawberry Festival Friday June 10 @ 6:30 sponsored by Hoffman Ford. \* Free, but get there early. Movies at Skyline Park Tuesdays at dusk, June 14th is 1st one. Dixie has allowed WES to have a stand at the Community Festival. Summer program coming up at Summer Camp mornings at Skyline Park, must be registered. Senior luncheon next Thursday, register by Friday. (Charlie Lee will be the entertainment)
- 5) East Hanover Township – Mike Yingling – Invitation mailed out to all officials for luncheon in June. Firehouse will be paid off this summer, quite an accomplishment as this loan started out over \$6M. Park and Rec project = redo park systems (trails, walking paths etc)

Our guest speaker this month is Joe Trojcak. Joe is owner/operator of Progressive Studios. His mission is "Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders & Entrepreneurs". Joe shared the history of how he got started in this work as well as some of the projects he is currently involved in. Joe is a known motivational speaker here in this area.

Upcoming events: Norm Zoumas of Friends of Ron Marsico reminded us of the ribbon cutting at Heroes Grove scheduled for June 17, 6-7pm.

Reminder that there is no meeting in July due to our golf outing on July 15th.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th. Our speaker/sponsor for that meeting is Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Township. She will be bringing a guest from the Fisher House.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Fleisher  
Secretary