

WES Hanover Business Association
March 10, 2016
Meeting Minutes

The WES Hanover Business Association met on Thursday March 10, 2016 at the West Hanover Recreation Center for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. The meeting started at 7:30 a.m. with President Bette Porter presiding. She called the meeting to order and welcomed 17 members and 2 guests (Betsy Howell's helpers, her granddaughters). 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 was asked to introduce themselves and give a 30 second commercial about their business. Bette shared a humorous Irish story since we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day later this month. A door prize was presented to a 2016 paid member. First pick was Kathy Remsnyder who was not present. Second pick was Penny Pollick of South Hanover Township. The door prize was given to Penny.

Bette reminded everyone that 2016 membership fees were due. If no information has changed the check can be dropped off to Bette. If there are any email changes please let Bette know. Please spread the word about our association to others who live or have a business in the WES locations as well as our neighboring townships.

We are looking for active members who would be on the membership committee to call or go out to other businesses inviting them to visit our association. Please let Bette know if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone that has sponsored a month for 2016. November is the only month still open. If you are interested or know of a good speaker that would be available, please let Bette know.

Reminder: Our Christmas party has been scheduled for Friday, Dec 9th at the **Linglestown** American Legion.
Reports:

- 1) Treasurers Report – Tom Stewart, West Hanover Township Tax Collector, reported our current balance is \$4,287.78. Motion was made by John Vigilante of Interstate Batteries to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Randy Hunt of Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church. All approved.
- 2) Minutes from February – minutes were emailed to all members. Motion made by Bob McRedmond of Handyman Matters to accept minutes seconded by Gloria Zimmerman of West Hanover Township. All approved.
- 3) South Hanover Township –Penny Pollick -
 - a. The new Municipal Complex is moving along nicely. Infrastructure and traffic signal work has begun on Route 39; traffic is down to one lane at this time but the majority of work will be performed in the evening hours when there is less traffic. All road work is slated to be finished before the start of the tourist season.
 - b. The Township currently has two developers looking at the Mumma / Pennsy Supply property, both are considering a 55+ community. Although a good idea, there are a lot of hoops that have to be gone through before this could even be considered. Text amendments would have to be made to the current ordinances, traffic impact studies would have to be completed along with water and sewer issues being worked out.

- c. The Township Public Works Department is gearing up for road repairs. This year the Township plans on doing two road projects: 1) Orchard Road – Crack seal, base repairs and a 2” overlay 2) Micro-surfacing parts of Christian Drive, Joshua Court, Brinser Court, Cooper Road and Brinser Road.
 - d. Replacement of the Duke Street Bridge is now underway with a completion date set for Spring of 2017.
- 4) West Hanover Township – Gloria Zimmerman –
- a. The bridge project with Lower Paxton is moving along and the Historical Society will be receiving a Keystone from the bridge to add to their archives.
 - b. At the March 7th meeting we reviewed the new comprehensive Plan (Crossroads) and I was very pleased with the outcome.
 - c. We have advertised our mowing contract.
 - d. The township received \$349,199.36 for their Liquid Fuels allocation.
 - e. Right of Way was approved with the Church of the Brethren in order to install a caution light on Rte 39 and Devonshire Heights Road.
 - f. The Road Crew is working on various projects throughout the township, getting ready for summer.
 - g. Echo Housing has been under discussion to adopt an ordinance to allow for Senior’s and handicap family members to live by the primary family residence.
 - h. There will be a Pot Pie Dinner here on March 14 at 4PM till sold out.
 - i. West Hanover Township Public Safety – Don Steinmeier – An update was provided on numerous upcoming development plans for the 104 acres of land along Rt 39. It will include some apt/townhouse housing as well as some retail stores. Sheetz will be coming in at the intersection of Rt 39 and Jonestown Rd.
- 5) East Hanover Township – Paul Cornell –
- a. Next week will be the ground breaking for the new Public Works building. They hope to be in the building by October. The township has hired a new assistant. New directories for the twp. have been printed and mailed. The new electronic sign board has been getting lots of use.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Easter Services at Susquehanna Valley Evangelical Free Church
- 2) West Hanover Township annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 26.
- 3) West Hanover Township has quite a few bus trips coming up. Flyers are available here at the rec center.

Betsy Howell of Redfern Canines was our sponsor for this month. She brought her 2 granddaughters and her dog along as guests. The girls assisted with some demonstrations with her dog. She handed out the schedule of upcoming classes for dog training and explained what happens in the training sessions with the dogs. If anyone is interested in any classes, please let Betsy know.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 14, 2016. Our sponsor will be Deb Casey from East Hanover Township. Her guest speaker will be Lt Colonel Dale Waltman, from Indiantown Gap.

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Fleisher
 Secretary

