

**MINUTES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE**

**November 19, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chairperson Michael Kretschmer at 7:06 p.m. in the Joe Pace Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Michael Kretschmer led the Commission in the salute to our flag. Michael also introduced Susan Iannucci to the committee. Susan was approved by all to hold the position as secretary of the Economic Development Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Christine Feggans/ **CF**, Victor Peters/ **VP**, Michael Kretschmer /**MK**, Anthony (Tony) Langella/**TL**, Jared Valdez/**JV**, Aileen Wojciechowski/**AW**, Cncl. Ron Garbowski/ **Cncl. G**

Absent: Sharene Ginyard

Guests:

**CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**Report on Welcome Signs:**

Guest Jason Painter of AstroSigns presented the new design for the Twp. signs. (see attachment) Cncl. G- asked JP to send him copies of the new sign design. Cncl. G did not receive the email with revisions. Tony Langella also did not receive the email with the revisions. Revisions were passed out to the group for approval. Dimensions for the sign stayed the same as did the type face. The change is Monroe Township is now stated as Township of Monroe on the sign. JP will resend the email regarding the breakaway design since the group had trouble receiving the email. AW- asked if there is a difference in price? JP- stated it will be different than the sandblasted sign the group came up with. JP feels the footing will determine the price. JP- The sign itself should be less but the breakaway and the height of the sign will dictate costs. ARH may have to be contacted for the footing. TL asked if 2 more signs have been approved yet. Cncl. G- said the old sign was approved. The group suggested some areas for the signs. Some of the roads suggested for signage were Sicklerville Rd. near Holiday City and 5 points intersection. AW- suggested Fries Mill and Glassboro Roads. Cncl. G-reminded the group of the DOT standards on state roads that all signs be the same. MK-reminded the group that sections of 322 were given to the county. MK- asked about the sign straddling sidewalks. JP- has seen this done, personally he has never done it but as long as the clearance height of 7 ft. is met it should be fine. ARH will get approvals from DOT. VP asked if the Holiday City area for a sign was still in the mix. MK- suggested looking into the possibility of having a survey done near the Washington Twp. line. Cncl. G- will talk to ARH about getting permits for the additional signs and will report back to the committee. AW- asked if the signs would be installed by the end of the year (2012). JP feels AstroSigns can have the METAL SIGNS installed by the end of 2012. Cncl. G- reminded the committee permits were already approved and final foundations will go to the DOT (he will email Jason regarding this issue) Cncl. G- suggested that a new purchase order be done for the metal signs once there has been a decision about the footings. JP- has a work order for the first sign designs decide where you want them and he'll get started. Economic Development committee was asked to approve the revisions - *Christine Feggans made a motion to accept submitted art work - motion was second by Tony Langella - and all were in favor.* JP- gave Cncl Garbowski contact information. MK- thanked Jason for attending/ JP- left the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Other locations for signs were discussed - Tap Gallery (5 points) and Sicklerville Rd (Holiday City) MK- suggested submitting tax map and circling the locations and submitting the map to RH. Cncl. G- will email Dave showing him where the committee wants the signs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### October 2012

MK- asked if all present had the opportunity to review the October 2012 meeting minutes. A copy was passed around and a brief discussion of the minutes occurred. *Tony Langella made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Economic Development Commission Meeting for October 15, 2012 and the motion was second by Vic Peters.* The minutes were approved by all remaining members of the Commission in attendance.

### CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

#### Planning Redevelopment Projects

Chris Rehmann (Monroe Twp. Engineer) was unable to attend the meeting this evening to answer questions on possible projects for Main St.

VP- let the group know that another business is leaving Main St. (Lawyer's office near the MUA) VP- believes the Lawyer owns the building. C-. asked if the building has been put up for rent. CF- feels the Business Assoc. should be notified when buildings become available. Cncl. G- would like a list of business from the Business Assoc. Cncl. G- suggested the Economic Development receive minutes from the Business Assoc. monthly meetings and vice versa.

Cncl. G- will get Chris Rehmann in to talk to the Committee. Cncl. G will write a proposal to get a price and get ideas for recommendations for redevelopment. (Kinds of businesses they recommend, ordinances and zoning will be needed). Goal for 2013 is to get something started with development.

#### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (Bus. Assoc.)

The next meeting for the Bus. Assoc. is scheduled for November 26, 2012.

The Economic Development committee would like to send a member to be present at the Business Assoc. meetings. AW volunteered to go the next meeting as did CF and Cncl G. MK. will send an email to the Business Assoc. letting them know a room has been reserved in the library for their meeting. (7:00 p.m. meet and greet 7:30 p.m. start of meeting.) CF feels the Econ. Dev. Com. is sponsoring them Econ. Dev. Com. should help the Bus. Assoc. get started. AW- suggested the Bus. Assoc. send a member to attend Econ. Dev. meetings as well. MK will suggest they go to the Website for meeting minutes and a set will be sent to the Bus.Assoc.

#### NEW BUSINESS

AW- had minutes from previous meetings (May 2012 to August 2012) and would like to dispose of the minutes since they are more than 80 days old. Vic Peters made a motion to have the minutes disposed of and Christine Feggans second the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved to dispose of the minutes from May 2012 to August 2012.

MK announced that he was not going to renew for another 5 year term due to changes in his life. MK will be working with his girlfriend on the Bus. Assoc. MK is looking for a clean cut between the two groups. MK will end his term after the December 17, 2012 meeting. VP will be retiring soon so his plans are not to renew when his term is up. AW will send the list to Cncl. G for the vacancies AW suggested to keep in mind people need to meet certain criteria. Cncl. G would like to see a realtor join Econ. Dev. Com. MK will follow up with a realtor he knows about joining the Committee. CF reminded everyone that a vote among the Econ. Dev. Com. must take place for a new Chairman. The vote will take place at the January 2013 meeting. AW- Skip Tomarchio is supposed to be coming in December do we still want him to come? Skip gave a list of Business in the September meeting. Committee is looking to get Chris and Skip here for the December meeting. MK will follow up with getting Chris to the next meeting. Lists from Skip is for Twp. use only. TL- Applebees is looking at the land by Walmart. Cncl. G would like the information regarding Applebees right away. TL will get the information to him

#### ROUNDTABLE

~Tony – is pleased with what the group has accomplished. He feels a need for the signs to be completed right away. Would like to see some fund raisers implemented by the Business Association.

~Christine – enjoyed working with MK, going door to door, she has seen growth and makes her want to go on. She was proud to be under MK leadership.

~Vic– enjoyed working with MK. He will leave with the knowledge that signs were erected in Monroe Twp. He wishes everyone the best.

~Aileen--will talk to Jeff Coles, CFO about PO for 2011. Budget for 2013 does the Assoc. have budget needs?

~Michael- will follow up with who can come to the next Econ. Dev. Com. meeting. He is looking forward to working with the Bus. Assoc. and possibly becoming the liaison between the two groups. MK thanked everyone and is very proud of the Business Association and looking forward to working with them and promoting the group. ARH follow up with the tax map and send an email following up with the Business Association and ask them for their minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Michael Kretschmer asked for a motion to adjourn. *Aileen Wojciechowski made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission Meeting of November 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Tony Langella; all in favor.* Meeting adjourned shortly after 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Iannucci, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Monroe Township Economic Development Commission meeting is Monday December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**These minutes were prepared from notes and recordings taken during the proceedings of the Regular Economic Development Commission Meeting of November 19, 2012.**

Approved as submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as corrected *St. Lawrence* Date *12-17-2012*