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MANTUA TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 14, 2014

- In attendance: Howard Bruner, Michelle Bruner, Sharon Lawrence, Susan Baldwin, Ronald Concordia, Karen Cook, Colleen O'Brien
- Meeting opened at 5:30 PM by all present.
- Sharon swore in all members of the MTEDC that were present.
- A motion was made by Ron Concordia seconded by Colleen O'Brien to approve the October 14, 2013 Committee Minutes. All in favor. No opposed.
- Sharon Lawrence entertained motions for the following:
 - Chairperson – Howard Bruner (motion by Ron 2nd by Susan)
 - Vice Chair – Ronald Concordia (motion by Butch 2nd by Colleen)
 - Secretary – Karen Cook (motion by Susan 2nd by Butch)All were in favor. No opposed.
- Please make note of the 2014 meeting dates.....They will be held at the MUA Building at 5:30PM:
 - ✓ Monday June 9, 2014
 - ✓ Monday August 11, 2014
 - ✓ Monday October 6, 2014
 - ✓ Monday December 8, 2014
- Michelle Bruner gave her project update:
 - ✓ We will be looking to determine if the members would like to be more actively involved by creating project subcommittees or just receive project updates at our quarterly meetings.
 - ✓ She is working on the online business directory. She is also going to work with Jennica Bileci, Township Administrator to create a business registration process=1 document that will let the town know when businesses come in. It will be passed through all of the departments with updates on inspections, recording of fees, etc. Jennica still has to bring this before the Township Committee. Michelle is going to do a drive-by site inventory for Mantua Township and then will work on the online database which will list these available sites.

- ✓ Total Turf Experience project is complete and doing well. They are exploring expansion opportunities.
 - ✓ Struthers Dunn Redevelopment demo project is complete. The site is still being monitored by the NJDEP for the underground water contamination. NJDEP is currently onsite do a PILOT Study for the underground water contamination.
 - ✓ Inversand – Fossil Dig Days start April 25th. Maintenance is scheduled in preparation for this day. There will be a full calendar of events running through the Spring. The interest and excitement are still there for this site. Events will be held on Fridays until June 2014. A Community Dig Day is scheduled for Fall 2014 (tentatively September 27).
 - ✓ Parking is currently as issue but we may be able to use Target, Lowes, or the township lot and have attendees bussed over to the site.
 - ✓ The Inversand project is the most important right now. Land preservation – Allen donated 2 acres. The title search showed that the deed was never properly filed so Inversand got the deed amended and recorded. We are getting 2 independent appraisals, a midpoint price will be determined and then we will negotiate with Inversand based on that price.
 - ✓ White Oaks- project is doing great.
 - Shawn Menzies is no longer with the township and he handled the COAH unit monitoring for Mantua affordable housing units. This function will now be performed by the economic development office. We had a role in this in the past as it related to redevelopment project sites allocated for COAH projects, such as the White Oaks Project. At a later meeting we will discuss in greater detail what COAH is and what functions we have performed and will perform on behalf of the Township of Mantua.
 - ✓ Please email Karen Cook with any updates to the contact list that was attached to the agenda.
 - ✓ Michelle asked Susan Baldwin if she could begin to provide construction office updates at future meetings.
 - Planet Fitness and Wine Warehouse are going into the old Acme site. (D'Agostinos sold their liquor license to the owners of Roger Wilco).
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm