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MANTUA TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 8, 2013

- In attendance: Howard Bruner, Michelle Bruner, Sharon Lawrence, Susan Baldwin, Ronald Concordia, Bill Krebs, Karen Cook, Colleen O'Brien
- Meeting opened at 5:37 PM by all present
- A motion was made by Ron Concordia seconded by Susan Baldwin to approve the January 14th Committee Minutes. All in favor. No opposed.
- Howard Bruner took oath as Chairperson.
- Michelle Bruner opened the meeting by displaying the new Inversand Event Banner made by Kathy McGregor from the Historical Committee & beautiful donation box made by Mike Datz and painted by Susan Baldwin for the Fossil Dig project.
- Struthers & Dunn- New Option Farms still wants to work with us. The biggest challenge here is their financing. The USEPA clean-up money was exhausted. \$165K is allowed from the county under Community Development Block Grant program for demolition of slight and blight property. Anticipated approval letter by the County for these grant funds is mid-May. MTEDC is moving forward with bidding the demolition out by Township process.
- Hausman Bus Redevelopment (White Oaks Project) ó This project is moving right along. The road is in. The poles have been moved back. There was one call regarding the fencing around the back site of property that is being addressed currently by Conifer.
- Inversand ó We had the GC Green Acres meeting at Inversand site to discuss potential acquisition by the Township for the fossil park and if this site would be eligible. There are 25 acres of this 65 acre property that is tax assessed farmland. The architects are trying to figure out all the structural issues to the two structures on site that we would like to turn into the first ever welcome center and educational classroom/prep lab space. Drexel is providing fencing (a 3-foot fence around the entire event area/parking area/lunch station).
- TTE Redevelopment ó Michelle passed out the brochures for the Summer Programs at TTE. She also reported that they are doing fantastic. They have had amazing dog shows that have brought in thousands

of people. They also received press around the Special Olympics. Legislators have come out to visit the site. Please patronize the TTE café that is open on site!

- Township Newsletter Articles ó 3 things of interest to our committee will be highlighted in the next newsletter:
 - Total Turf Experience
 - Inversand ó Community Dig Day
 - Wed., May 26th ó Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts Day for Mantua (Fossil project)

- Michelle distributed our calendar of events. The following dates were highlighted, in regard to the Inversand project. Help is needed on these project dates:
 - April 27th (with rain date of 4/28) ó Elected Officials Dig Day- need MTEDC Committee members present
 - May 3rd ó Sewell School Assembly
 - May 17th ó St Margaret's school
 - May 31st ó Elkins Park Middle School
 - September 28th ó Community Dig Day (will be held from 10-6pm).

- The Township is updating the website to include a section on MTEDC. This will highlight:
 - Members
 - Meeting minutes
 - Upcoming projects
 - Calendar of Events
 - Event Highlights

- Miscellaneous
 - 1/23 ó Michelle toured the Inversand site with the new Township Administrator
 - 2/22 ó Michelle took a tour with MUA to see their sites and learn about the MUA plant process
 - Site inventory ó Michelle will revisit this in 2013 and get a document together that will detail all of the available buildings in Mantua Township
 - Liquor license ó Working with an interested individual to go into the Acme site. License sold for \$425K and will be used for distribution
 - Howard Bruner gave special thanks to Ron Concordia for stepping in as chair during his absence out of state.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ron Concordia and Seconded by Colleen O'Brien at 6:29 p.m.