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MANTUA TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 13, 2015

- In attendance: Howard Bruner, Michelle Bruner, Sharon Lawrence, Susan Baldwin, Ronald Concordia, Karen Cook, Colleen O'Brien

Guest: Deby Findle-Small Business Association VP Lender for the southern region at Fulton Bank

- Meeting opened at 5:32 p.m. by all present.
- A motion was made by Ron Concordia seconded by Susan Baldwin to approve the December 8, 2014 Committee Minutes. All in favor. No opposed.
- Sharon swore in all members of the MTEDC that were present.
- Struthers Dunn Redevelopment project -- Michelle receives interest daily on the site. Total Turf is also in discussion to expand into the property. Michelle is making sure that the Township is open to all requests being given. She will keep the committee updated with any new developments or inquiries on this site.
- Inversand Redevelopment Project:
 - Acquisition Update
 - NJ Green Acres Grant has been applied for.
 - The Township will be looking to acquire the property subject to funding. The fossil team is working on creative ways this goal can be accomplished.
 - The following dates are booked for schools for Spring Fossil Event Days: May 1/May 15/May 29/June 5.
 - The next Fossil Community Dig Day Event is scheduled for Sat. September 26th 2015 (Rain Date Sunday September 27th). If you know anyone who wants an invitation they need to contact Michelle's office to get on the email distribution list.

- We need a sponsor for the fence for the perimeter of the park.
 - There will be an article and advertisement for the Fossil Park in the GC Chamber “Voice” magazine.
 - SJ Tourism Group will be the guest speaker next month at the Gloucester County Economic Development Meeting and we will introduce him to our fossil project and provide him a tour directly following the meeting. We will work to quantifying how our contributions on this fossil site have already impacted the community on tourism in the near future.
 - Historic Museum Tour- Review Michelle’s email and respond on which dates will work best for a brief 30-minute tour of the museum. Possible dates are 4/27, 4/28, 4/30, 5/6 and 5/7.
 - Susan Baldwin and Michelle Bruner have already begun preparing for the Community Fossil Dig Day. They have reached out to various news media who indicated they would like to cover the site and big event: CBS Local News, Born to Explore, NBC Channel 10, Aljazeera News and NBC 10.
- Dedicated Home Care will hold an Open House on April 24th from 12-4pm. (new business in town). Looking for committee members to attend and support. They will offer certified home health care, CPR classes, etc.
- 2015 – 2016 MTEDC Priority Goal is our local businesses.
 - Business Information form/Registration Form is now in place. The Fire Marshall will present the form to each business owner to complete when he performs their annual inspection. The forms will be used to reach out to those businesses to discuss future website resources we hope to create (business director, site inventory, ect.).
 - Michelle is looking into a Business Tax Reward Program (similar to what Glassboro offers) for future discussion.
- Guest: Deby Findley, Small Business Association VP Lender for the southern region at Fulton Bank.
 - SBA Lending program-government-enhanced lending. The 2 most popular programs were discussed (7A Program & 504 Program).
 - Deby informed everyone that she works hard to accommodate requests.
 - Her contact information was given to Michelle for any potential needs that exist with new business owners.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for June 8th.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM. Motion made by Ron Concordia and seconded by Karen Cook.