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MANTUA TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF
October 14, 2013

- In attendance: Howard Bruner, Michelle Bruner, Sharon Lawrence, Susan Baldwin, Ronald Concordia, Lita Abele, Karen Cook, Colleen O'Brien, Ken Green
- Meeting opened at 5:34 PM by all present
- A motion was made by Ron Concordia seconded by Susan Baldwin to approve the April 8, 2013 Committee Minutes. All in favor. No opposed.
- Struthers & Dunn – The site is all clear. Michelle will send a picture with updates to all committee members. It is all graded now. The wells have been painted. Township and Corrections will keep grooming the site. Both Pitman and Mantua PD will monitor the site. The fence is scheduled to come down on 10/28. Struthers & Dunn will now look like a regular property for the first time in 20 years!
- Hausman Bus Redevelopment Project – Michelle welcomed everyone to join the site tour that was scheduled for Thursday at 10am at White Oaks. The grass is now growing on the front lawn! Michelle will send a photo to all committee members. This site is anticipated to be opened by 10/30 (with a true deadline of the end of December 2013).
- Inversand Redevelopment Project :
 - The green fence was installed prior to Dig Day. Michelle had very positive feedback from the 860 people that attended. It was very organized, the bussing and flow of the event were perfect.
 - Lowe's Hero Grant/Lowe's Big Grant – The Hero's Grant we are being considered for will provide \$1,200 worth of materials. Lowes is considering building our excavation fossil area shed, a washing station, and other ideas we came up with for the event site. The Big Grant will not be applied for until we know more about acquisition.
 - Acquisition Programs – The Township blessed the initiative to seek funding sources to acquire and preserve the 65 acres for the Fossil Park Concept.
 - 2nd Annual Community Dig Day was September 28, 2013
 - 2 upcoming fossil events:

- October 18, 2013 – Franklin Township School
 - October 25, 2013 – Drexel High School Recruitment Day
- Karen will send Michelle an updated contact list. Michelle will scan and forward to all committee members.
- Our website has been updated. There is now an MTEDC section on the Township website detailing our mission, members, terms, projects, etc. Please take a minute to review it.
- Tri-County Summit is scheduled for October 18, 2013. Butch is scheduled to attend, along with Bill Krebs.
- Business Registration – Michelle has a meeting with Jennica and other Township Departments October 29th to learn what each does and to explore a defined creative route through a business registration form that will help existing and new businesses navigate the departments and will help Township Departments track businesses that come and go so businesses can come in with the proper approvals and inspections in place and all departments would then be able to provide direct assistance to new and prospective businesses immediately.
- Michelle's 2014 goals are to create the business online directory and to highlight businesses each month on the website.
- In preparation for the 2nd Annual Community Dig Day Event Michelle and Susan passed out reminders to the Timberline and Lowe's Shopping Center businesses who recognized MTEDC and were grateful of the advance notice. Our goal is to make sure all of the businesses recognize the MTEDC and its members so we need to stay visible. In 2014 one of the goals should be to reach out to businesses in Mantua and let them know we are here to assist.
- Please keep on the look out for the MTEDC Alerts that Michelle sends out.
- A proclamation of service was awarded to Kenneth Green (proclamation was read by Sharon Lawrence).
- 2014 Meeting Dates as follows: MUA Building at 5:30PM
 - Monday April 14, 2014
 - Monday June 9, 2014
 - Monday August 11, 2014
 - Monday October 6, 2014
 - Monday December 8, 2014
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. Motion made by Karen Cook. Seconded by Ron Concordia.