

April 15, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority met on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Chairperson Ethan Demme called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present in the meeting room were Mr. John Blowers, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Tim Lapp, Mr. Roger Rutt and Mr. Glen Elberly. Also present in the meeting room was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager; Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager; and Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was also held using Zoom, an internet web conferencing tool. A recorded statement was played regarding the use of Zoom for this public meeting which included instructions for the public to use in order to participate in the meeting via zoom.

Public Present in Public Meeting Room:

None

Public Comment on non-Agenda items

None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the April 15, 2024 meeting agenda
- b. Approval of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Tim Lapp to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Glen Elberly and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Old and Unfinished Business

- a. Branding, Gateway Features and Wayfinding Program

Mr. Hutchison reported that there has not been much activity in these areas since the last meeting.

Branding - Mr. Hutchison reported that branding has been decided with the name of the project being "Lincoln Highway East Lancaster".

Gateway Features – The Western Gateway Project is proceeding and scheduled to go out to bid in the middle of 2025. The Township has reached out to the property owner on the east end but have not heard back. Mr. Blowers asked if the Township is still looking at the farm east of the diner location. Mr. Hutchison answered that they are going to speak to the owner of the property just east of the mini-golf course first. Mr. Lapp asked what the property is just east of mini-golf course on Lincoln Highway East. Mr. Hutchison replied it is a farm that is accessed on Eastbrook Road and Meadowview Road. He would like to meet face to face with the landowner to see if a Gateway Feature can be put on the property.

Wayfinding – The Township is continuing to work on PennDOT requirements for wayfinding in order to get their approval and move forward.

- b. Report on Business Improvement District Project

Mr. Hutchison reported that the project needs to be organized so the Township can reach out to the business owners and get them involved in an effort to improve the corridor. He believes the bid idea is still a good way to do that. In the last couple of meetings, there was discussion about splitting the consulting by legal and non-legal elements. Mr. Blowers asked if the key business' that reached out in the past are still interested. Mr. Hutchison answered that he has not heard from them recently but hopes they are still open to the idea. Mr. Blowers stated that they will be critical and Mr. Hutchison agreed.

New Business

None

Action Item

None

Discussion:

Mr. Blowers asked Mr. Demme if the PennDOT work that is going on east of Route 896 has any impact on the project. Mr. Demme answered that PennDOT is doing work on the intersection and is going to do a mill and resurface. Mr. Hutchison added that PennDOT is not going to widen the road or do anything that would impact where the project signage is located. PennDOT will change out all the signal equipment to be decorative and match the coloring in front of Dutch Wonderland and the crosswalks will match the ones at Oakview Road. Ms. Hitchens added that porkchops had been removed from the plan because it did not work with the design. Mr. Lapp asked for clarification on what a pork chop is. Ms. Hitchens explained it is a pedestrian landing and directional right turn from Route 896 headed north. Mr. Demme added it is a raised triangle much like that at the intersection of the Mennonite School and Route 30 which gives more safety for the cars. Mr. Lapp asked for an update on Smoketown Elementary School. Mr. Demme stated that this authority wouldn't handle issues such as that but that the question should be asked at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Glen Elberly and seconded by Roger Rutt to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm which was unanimously approved by voice vote. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:30pm pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hutchison
Secretary and Treasurer