

BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN
Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, 6/10/2021 – 5:00 pm, via Zoom

Attendance: Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Rick Lyons, Pat Kepler, Brian Guerriero, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, Mayor Ron Strouse, and Borough Manager John Davis. Donna Rhodes of the Doylestown Historical Society also attended.

The **Minutes** from the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved. (Lyons-Kepler)

Doylestown Historical Society Update. Donna Rhodes gave an update on the Historical Society, which includes approximately 40 members, an increase over the Covid pandemic. During the shutdown, they have done a lot of work in the building and with various exhibits and tours. Donna reviewed the details of the current tours and exhibits.

Discover Doylestown. John spoke on Discover Doylestown events. The next events are Fall activities such as the Arts Festival and Bike Race, as well as Bookfest. Pedestrian zones are continuing and are successful. Outside dining at several restaurants in town are going to continue through the end of the year, and discussions are continuing on the possibility of making those permanent options. Mayor Strouse noted Discover Doylestown is also working closely with the Pride Festival, which includes several outdoor events.

Operation Doylestown Update. Marjan Shirzad was not available to attend the meeting.

Vacancy Report. Rick Lyons discussed the recent sale of the Doylestown Bookshop location. The former ToYo Restaurant building has been listed for sale. The former Hickory Kitchen building is being renovated into offices, most likely. Penn State Creamery is still looking at the former liquor store on West Court Street. The Goldmans are going through the zoning application process for a new restaurant/bar at the former Zen Den location. The new bank and CHOP location is under construction, and the new bank at the former Wawa location is going through the zoning process. The market seems to be moving fast.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Strouse discussed the upcoming vaccination clinic, in conjunction with Doylestown Health.

Old/New Business. John let the group know this is the final virtual meeting. Pandemic restrictions have been lifted and meetings are returning to live meetings.

John will distribute information regarding the Mayor's Stewardship Award to the group.

Meeting adjourned 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer

Minutes Secretary