**Doylestown Borough Economic Development Advisory Board**

**January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

The Economic Development Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers in Doylestown Borough Hall on the above date at 5:15 pm. The following Board members were present: Vice Chairperson, Lois Opdyke, Rick Brown, Brian Guerriero, Patricia Keppler, Heather Mahaley and John West. Also in attendance were Borough Manager John Davis, Mayor Ron Strouse, Council President Jack O’Brien, Beth Ann Rinkus, Bucks County Historical Society liaison and Kris Boger, Discover Doylestown liaison. Absent were Chairperson Otto Mills and Rick Lyons.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

November 14, 2019 minutes were approved (Heather Mahaley and Rick Brown)

1. **Mayor’s Stewardship Award- Mayor Ron Strouse**

The 2020 Mayor’s Stewardship Award information and application will be included in the spring/summer Borough Bulletin. The Economic Development Advisory Board should review the application at their February 13, 2020 meeting. Lois Opdyke suggested a councilperson be able to nominate a property from their ward,

1. **Community Survey- Brian Guerriero**

Brian revised the intent of the survey in order to note the changes to social media. It was suggested that the survey and results be posted to the borough website and the Doylestown Patch in order to target a larger portion of the community. The Bucks County Herald newspaper generally picks up the information from there. Mayor Strouse suggested sending the survey and results to Discover Doylestown and area realtors.

-Questions 1-3 are fine as is.

-Question #4-

Theater, Galleries, Museums, Bars and Entertainment should each be listed as a category. Change *Doylestown Town Center* to *Downtown Doylestown* with the notation at the answer choices “Select no more than 3 items”. Add an”Other” category after Special Events.

-Question #6 – Incorporate or add “How often do you use take- out delivery?”

-Add a question “What would you like to see more of” and list some suggested items, e.g., special attractions, family events, etc.

The survey will be reviewed again at the February 13, 2020 board meeting. Any suggestions and/or comments should be sent to John Davis prior to the meeting.

1. **Bucks County Historical Society- Beth Ann Rinkus**

200 Years of Bucks County Art exhibit will take place beginning March 20, 2020 and run through the summer.

1. **Discover Doylestown- Kris Boger**

Kris reported that 150 new wreaths have been approved for purchase for the 2020 holiday season. Discover Doylestown will ask Bountiful Acres for a quote to provide and decorate the Christmas tree. The Doylestown Pride Committee has been meeting and working on the 2020 Pride Celebration. Vendor applications for the 2020 Doylestown Arts Festival are now open.

1. **Vacancy Report – No Report**
2. **Borough Council Report - No Report**
3. **Mayor’s Report – Mayor Strouse**

2020 is the 50th anniversary of the Historic and Architectural Review Board and the Doylestown Historical Society. Groups will meet to determine how this milestone will be celebrated.

1. **Old/New Business**

To date we have received one application to fill the EDAB vacancy. Interviews will be held in February. Heather Mahaley has reached out to the Main Street Manager of Yardley Borough and invited him to attend a board meeting sometime this spring.

1. **Adjournment-** The January 9, 2020 EDAB meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by Janet Hedrick