

**BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN**  
**Economic Development Advisory Board**

Thursday, 9/8/2022 – 5:00 pm  
Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

**Attendance:** Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Pat Keppler, Rick Lyons, Heather Mahaley, Aisling Laver, Kris Boger, Brian Guerriero, Rick Brown, Jason Wood, Donna Rhodes, and Borough Manager John Davis.

**Approval of Minutes.** The June meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Mayor's Stewardship Award.** Lois and the Board reviewed the nominations provided and considered if the award should be specific to residential properties only. The group agreed to tour the list of properties on September 28 at 5pm, and will be meeting at Linden Elementary. Lois will email the Board with the specifics.

**2022-2023 Board Goals.** The Board discussed their goals for the upcoming year, including expanding the use of social media to reach more members of the community and encourage more involvement as well as continuing to form strong bonds with local businesses. The connection with Delaware Valley University is an important component in connecting students to the Borough, and school representatives work closely with DART. John will report back with details on how the students can be more encouraged to use DART.

Kris noted the Bucks County Visitor Center is considering becoming strictly mobile going forward.

**Discover Doylestown Report.** Kris was happy to report the Arts Festival has been physically expanded and there are many musical acts as well as vendors. The Book Festival is also planned for late September with both online and live activities. The Halloween Parade is also planned, along with Santa's arrival for the tree lighting.

**Doylestown Cultural District Report.** There several planned events, exhibits, and speakers at the Mercer Museum and volunteers have increased.

**Doylestown Historical Society.** Several events were discussed including a seasonal Halloween tour beginning on October 6, a guest speaker as an Alice Paul interpreter on September 29, being held at Borough Hall, and a screening of John Toner, Founding Director of the County Theater on October 11, at the County Theater.

**Comprehensive Plan Update.** John discussed the meetings that have been held, which have been focused on preparing the public survey to be provided to the public for their response and input.

**Vacancy Report.** Rick noted the residential market still seems busy, while the commercial side of the real estate market is slower. John explained there will be a large anchor store added to the Doylestown Shopping Center, although the specific store is still unknown to Borough staff.

**Mayor's Report.** Mayor West did not attend with a report.

**Old/New Business.** None.

Meeting adjourned 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer  
Minutes Secretary