BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, 6/9/2022 – 5:00 pm Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Attendance: Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Pat Keppler, Rick Lyons, Heather Mahaley, Marjan Shirzad, Kris Boger, Rick Brown, Brian Guerriero, and Borough Zoning Director Karyn Hyland.

Approval of Minutes. The May meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Mayor's Stewardship Award. Lois and the Board discussed how best to generate more nominations as well as how to expand on the interest of the community. Lois will email John regarding D-mails and social media posts requesting nominations, with a due date of Labor Day. At the September meeting, the Board can review the nominations received and move forward from there.

Discover Doylestown Report. Kris provided information on the upcoming Pride Festival as well as the planning of the Arts Fest and Christmas Tree Lighting.

Operation Doylestown Update. Karyn provided an update on the platform dining; Doylestown Inn is currently the only applicant for the program.

Doylestown Cultural District Report. Upcoming events at the Borough museums were discussed, as well as summer programs. Marjan reviewed the upcoming wine tastings, speaker series, and other activities at the Mercer. Several Central Bucks students were awarded scholarships recently. A goal for the summer is to increase visitation; it is improving from Covid, but not where it was. The Class Ring exhibit is going to hopefully continue through the summer.

Comprehensive Plan Update. Karyn discussed the ongoing work with the Planning Commission and many others.

2022-2023 Board Goals. Rick Lyons discussed his conversation with Det Ansinn regarding a mobile web application for the Borough, who offered to come talk with the Board in more detail.

Vacancy Report. Karyn and Rick Lyons talked about some vacant opportunities in the Borough. There are several residential properties being built in town currently.

Mayor's Report. Mayor West was not present.

Old/New Business. None.

Meeting adjourned 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary