# Borough of Doylestown Economic Development Advisory Board

August 13, 2020 at 5PM Via Zoom

#### **Present:**

Kris Boger, Lois Opdyke, Rick Brown, Patricia Keppler, Heather Mahaley, Otto Mills, John West, and Jason Wood

### **Also Present:**

John Davis, Borough Manager

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Mills to approve the June 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Board unanimously agreed.

### **Operation Doylestown Update:**

Ms. Boger began the conversation concerning the Pedestrian Zone on E. State Street scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Davis reported that the Borough will most likely entertain an additional Pedestrian Zones on W. State and N. Main Streets to the tremendous amount of success. In addition, N. Main Street was most enthused and provided great participation. Mr. Davis reported that Coach's Steak & Hoagie did an excellent job with curbside pick-up and offered any assistance to the Borough. Mr. Davis commented about several retailers that have since went out of business including, TO-YO, Bambinos World, and Dunkin Donuts. Discussion amongst the Board focused on Fox and Holly, which will now become Mercantile at Doylestown. The former Café Alessio is slated to become an ice cream/coffee shop in the near future.

Mr. Davis provided an update concerning the Wawa. The project has once again started. The Board asked about 318 N. Main Street (Dairy Queen) and Mr. Davis explained the site will become a bank and possibly a CHOP facility.

Mr. Mills commented to Ms. Boger about the beauty of the flowers throughout town. Ms. Boger would like to defer to the next meeting to discuss holiday decorations throughout town and the town Holiday tree.

## Mayor's Stewardship Award:

An update was provided concerning the 2020 Mayor's Stewardship Award. Mr. Davis reported there are a total of five applicants and one applicant that resides outside the Borough. The Board discussed the opportunity to drive around and view the applicant's properties and discuss and the next Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Davis will schedule this once the August 21<sup>st</sup> deadline for applicants has passed.

#### **Report from Council:**

Mr. Davis reported that at the next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020, the Council will consider the bid for the new Borough Hall building. If approved, construction will begin within the next month or so.

New/Old Business: None

Adjourned: 6:30PM