

Borough of Doylestown Economic Development Advisory Board

September 10, 2020 at 5PM
Via Zoom

Present:

Lois Opdyke, Patricia Keppler, Heather Mahaley, John West, Beth Ann Rinkus, Rick Lyons, and Jason Wood

Also Present:

John Davis, Borough Manager, Mayor Ron Strouse and Daniela Rey

A motion was made by Ms. Keppler and seconded by Mr. West to approve the August 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Board unanimously agreed.

Operation Doylestown Update:

Mr. Davis updated the Board on Operation Doylestown, which now consists permanently of the Borough's Pedestrian Zones. Mr. Davis discussed the pending weather forecast for the Pedestrian Zones and how it affects them. The Borough will be circling back to North Main Street for the next Pedestrian Zone and then to West State Street in two weeks. Mr. Davis said there was interest expressed in providing a Zone for South Main Street that would include Finney's Pub and the Marketplace. The Borough will hold a Zoom call with these merchants to determine interest. Mr. Davis spoke with the owner from Hop/Scotch and they will also reach out to the businesses within the Marketplace for participation.

Mr. Lyons discussed the Governor's order for restaurants increased Occupancy to 50% capacity along with a 10PM curfew for liquor/beers sales. Mr. Lyons had a discussion with the Borough's Fire Marshal with regards to occupancy limits, etc. Restaurants still continue to struggle with the continued changes by the Governor. Mr. Lyons asked the Borough to consider the new restaurant, Native Café to ensure they also know about the Pedestrian Zone. Mayor Strouse offered to reach out to the owners as he knows them well. Mr. Davis said he would also reach out to the County of Bucks, Health Department concerning the new occupancy limit and how they plan to interrupt and enforce it. Mr. Davis also commented that the Borough is looking at how to transition the Pedestrian Zone Program from Fall to Winter.

Mayor's Stewardship Award:

An update of the 2020 Mayor's Stewardship Award was provided. Mr. Davis reported that there are a total of 10 entries. The Board discussed at length how to view the properties and the Board agrees to conduct these visits on October 3rd at 9:30AM. Mayor Strouse explained the evaluation process and how each entry should be scored. Mr. Davis will email the Board the list of properties and a form for their use.

New/Old Business: None

On a motion made by Ms. Keppler and seconded by Mr. West, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.