

# Doylestown Borough Economic Development Advisory Board

## January 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The Economic Development Advisory Board met in the Conference Room in Doylestown Borough Hall on the above date at 5:00 pm. The following Board members were present: Vice Chairperson, Lois Opdyke, Barbara Healy, Patricia Keppler, and Heather Mahaley. Also in attendance were John Davis, Borough Manager, Larry Brown and Kris Boger, from Discover Doylestown. Absent were Rick Brown, Rick Lyons, Otto Mills, Mayor Ron Strouse and Councilman Don Berk.

1. **Approval of Minutes-** The November 8, 2019 meeting minutes were approved. (Pat Keppler and Heather Mahaley)
2. **Board Goals 2019**

Proposed goals for 2019 were reviewed. Heather Mahaley suggested and will group similar goals into one heading. Pat Keppler asked if goals should be noted as "on going" projects. A final list of goals will need full board approval.

The Historical Society on South Main Street may hire a full time on site employee and volunteers will be used to supplement the staff. If the Historical Society facility is ultimately used as a Visitor's Center, grants would be needed for accessibility renovations to the building.
3. **Discover Doylestown- Larry Brown and Kris Boger**
  - According to the merchants, the 2018 holiday season was successful.
  - Discover Doylestown members will meet to discuss purchasing new holiday decorations, as many of the remaining snowflakes are in disrepair. A fund raising campaign is now open and we are looking for the public's input.
  - Discover Doylestown is working with an architect to revisit the design of an informational kiosk. The preferred location is at W. State Street and Hamilton Street.
4. **Vacancy Report – John Davis**
  - The former Melinda Cox Library at N. Main Street and Shewell Avenue will become office space.
  - Fox & Holly may become a permanent store in the Doylestown Shopping Center.
  - Planet Fitness will move into the former Annie Sez location.
  - Starbucks has submitted an application to the Zoning Hearing Board to reconfigure their driveway.
  - An application has been submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board for a restaurant with outdoor dining at the former Friendly's location.
  - Wawa has been approved for S. Main Street.
  - Veterans Lane has a new beer distributor and a new bagel shop.
  - The County Theater has received approval from HARB to demolish the Poor Richards building.
  - A commercial property at Lantern Hill has submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application to permit a restaurant with rooftop dining.
  - Owners of the Intelligencer property on N. Broad St and Atkinson Dr. are proposing a mixed use complex that would house 224 residential apartments and retail/office space in three buildings. The proposed project will need a change in zoning.
5. **Adjournment –**

John Davis will email Board members if the February 14, 2019 meeting is canceled due to weather.

The Economic Development Advisory Board was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.