

Doylestown Borough Economic Development Advisory Board

April 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The Economic Development Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers in Doylestown Borough Hall on the above date at 5:00 pm. The following Board members were present: Chairperson, Otto Mills, Vice Chairperson, Lois Opdyke, Brian Guerriero and John West. Also in attendance were Borough Manager John Davis, Mayor Ron Strouse, Councilman Don Berk and Larry Brown, Discover Doylestown liaison. Absent were Rick Brown, Pat Keppler, Rick Lyons and Heather Mahaley.

1. **Approval of Minutes-** The February 19, 2019 and the March 14, 2019 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.
2. **Discover Doylestown-** Larry Brown
 - Flower baskets are being assembled at DeVal and will be hung in town on Saturday, May 11, 2019.
 - A proof of the metal visitor's map will be available before next month's Discover Doylestown's meeting. Borough Council should review the proof map prior to placement.
 - Discover Doylestown continues to plan for the 2019 Fall Arts Festival and 5K races.
 - Borough Council's approval for appropriations for the purchase of holiday decorations will take place at the Monday, April 15, 2109 council meeting.
 - Discover Doylestown will get behind Doylestown Borough's movement to decrease consumer's use of plastic.
3. **Vacancy Report-** John Davis
 - Several commercial properties are for sale on "Bobby Simone Alley" on East State St.
 - The Aldi building and the adjacent residential home on N. Main Street are under agreement with Arcadia at Doylestown Holdings.
 - McDonalds on N. Main Street will be demolished on April 15.
 - Former Friendly's will become a Turning Point Breakfast, Brunch and Lunch restaurant.
 - The developer and property owners at Lantern Hill are working together on the proposed high-end restaurant at Lantern Hill.
 - HARB is working with the owner of the Flat Iron Building on the corner of N. Main St. and Shewell Ave. for the proposed first floor retail, second floor office and third floor residential apartments. Zoning relief will be needed for this project.
 - The parking garage on E. Court and Broad Streets should be completed by the end of 2019.
4. **Borough Council Report-** Don Berk
 - The 11th Annual Ride of Silence will take place on May 15, 2019
 - Doylestown Pride Month Update- three films have been selected; one for Thursday evening, a Saturday matinee and a documentary film and discussion on Sunday.
5. **Mayor's Report-** Mayor Ron Strouse

Mayor Strouse recently visited Stack's Co. Workspace at 54 E. Oakland Ave. Work, meeting and event space is available on an as needed basis.
6. **Business Owner Focus Group**

Discover Doylestown members, as well as people and businesses not affiliated with Discover Doylestown, should be part of the focus group in order to bring many different ideas to the table. It was suggested that there be two sessions; retailers to meet in the morning prior to opening for business and restaurant owners to meet perhaps on a Monday when they are likely to be closed. Brian Guerriero will get things started by developing some questions and John Davis will compile a list of businesses and restaurant owners. John should be emailed with any additional names or questions.
7. **Old/New Business** – None
8. **Adjournment-** the Economic Development Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.