

BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN
Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, 11/18/2021 – 5:00 pm
Borough Hall, 57 West Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Attendance: Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Pat Keppler, Brian Guerriero, Rick Brown, Rick Lyons, Heather Mahaley, Marjan Shirzad, Donna Rhodes, Kris Boger, Mayor Ron Strouse, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The October 2021 **Minutes** were approved as corrected.

Discover Doylestown. Kris Boger provided an update on the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa's arrival. Holiday shopping nights are also planned for Thursday evenings until Christmas.

Operation Doylestown Update. John noted pedestrian zones are still being worked out for the spring season. An ordinance is being considered for outdoor dining in parking areas for several interested restaurants in town.

Doylestown Cultural District. Preparation for the holidays is ongoing, with attendance at the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle increasing.

Doylestown Historical Society Update. Donna Rhodes provided an update on their guest speakers, held at Hopscotch, which were well-attended. Outdoor group and walking tour attendance has increased, where walk-ins from the street are still lower.

Vacancy Report. Rick Lyons and the Board discussed availability, with prices not changing much in the market. The group also discussed staffing concerns and the need to increase hourly pay for part time employees.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Strouse presented a proclamation to Kris and Paul Boger at the last Borough Council meeting for their extraordinary work with the Arts Festival, as well as the Stewardship Award to the Pattersons, who have lived in their home for 54 years.

Heather presented information as a possible outline of what the Board considers when nominating and voting for Stewardship Award nominees going forward. The Board agreed consideration should be given to both those newly renovated homes, as well as those homes which have been maintained and cared for in quality ways over many years. The Board will revisit this in more detail in March.

Old/New Business: Lois shared a new 'Around Town' publication; Kris noted this is a new group and they're trying to expand into more locations around the Borough.

Meeting adjourned 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary