

BOROUGH OF DOYLESTOWN
Economic Development Advisory Board

Thursday, 5/12/2022 – 5:00 pm
Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Attendance: Otto Mills, Lois Opdyke, Pat Keppler, Rick Lyons, Heather Mahaley, Miranda Sanger, Marjan Shirzad, Rick Lyons, Borough Council President Jack O’Brien, and Borough Manager John Davis.

Approval of Minutes. The April meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Discover Doylestown/Operation Doylestown. John provided information on Borough Clean Up days, the 5K, both of which are looking for volunteers to help. The upcoming Pride Festival and Arts Festival are approaching as well. Pedestrian zones are continuing. The platform dining ordinance was passed, with Doylestown Inn submitting the only completed application at this point.

John also noted Operation Doylestown will be rebranded, with less emphasis on pandemic-related content, and lean back toward business-related and shopping content.

Doylestown Cultural District. Miranda provided an update on many upcoming events at the Michener Museum. Marjan provided information on increased visits to both the Mercer and Fonthill Museums from last year’s numbers, as well as upcoming events.

The Board discussed new ways of drawing people into town and the possibility of a Visitor’s Center.

Doylestown Historical Society Update. Donna was not present at the meeting to provide an update.

Comprehensive Plan Update. The Planning Commission had their kickoff meeting and will have continuing meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of June, and all are encouraged to attend and participate.

2022-2023 Board Goals. The Board continued their discussion of ways to further the economic development of the Borough and keep up with the changing businesses in town. Several ideas discussed were QR codes, a phone app, and other social media platforms.

Vacancy Report. Rick had no knowledge of any big business changes or available property in town.

Mayor’s Report. Mayor West was not present to provide an update.

Old/New Business. None.

Meeting adjourned 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer

Minutes Secretary