

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Bucks County Country Club on November 1, 2007. The following individuals were present:

Mark Fournier – Telford Borough
Gail Weniger – Warwick Township
Tom Scott – Warwick Township
Katrina Harding – Warwick Township
Tim Hagey – Warminster Authority
Jon Davis – Doylestown Borough
Joe Czajkowski – Upper Makefield Township
Stephanie Mason – Doylestown Township
Bob Pellegrino – Northampton Township
Brian Shapiro – Northampton Township
Vivian Bell, Warrington Township
Tim Tieperman – Warrington Township
Eileen Bradley – Wrightstown Township
Linda McNeil – Tinicum Township
Eugene Miller – Dublin Borough
Mellissa Shafer – Chalfont Borough
Dave Ivan – Michigan State University

Preliminary Remarks

Gail Weniger called the meeting to order and announced the morning's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Stephanie Manson made a motion, seconded by Robert Pellegrino, to approve the *Minutes of 4 October 2007*. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Vivian Bell presented the Treasurer's Report for October month. A motion was made by Brian Shapiro, and seconded by John Davis, to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2007. Motion carried.

Presentation: "Municipal Branding, Creating Community Identity" by Dave Ivan

Dave Ivan, who conducts community and economic development programs for MSU Extension, presented. Mr. Ivan provided the membership with a PowerPoint presentation titled "Can Small

Towns be Cool? Best-Practice Communities.” He began his presentation with successful themes among successful small cities and how can you lead your community from “hell to paradise”. His discussion then was outlined as follows: citizen engagement, 3 rd place factors, future land use opportunities, willingness to adapt zoning regulations, cultural economic development approach, authentic cultural activities, city core values, outreach to community youth, preserving heritage, the outdoor factor, and the conviction that you have to do it yourself. During his presentation he provided real life examples and took questions from the membership

Mr. Ivan encouraged members to contact him with any questions. He can be reached at 1-989-224-5296.

Announcements

Gail Weniger informed the members about the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust (D.V.H.I.T) *Meet the Arbitrators* session on April 30, 2008. This session will allow area municipal managers and their key staff to meet face-to face with the individuals who ultimately resolve Act 111 and Act 195 grievances and hold the decisive role in Police Interest Arbitration disputes. Stephanie Manson made a motion, seconded by Robert Pellegrino, to approve a Letter of Support to D.V.H.I.T. for this session. Motion carried.

Gail Weniger also announced that the December, Bucks-Montgomery Holiday Luncheon would be on Friday, December 7 th at 12:00 p.m. The event will be at Villa Barolo in Warrington.

Adjourn John Davis made a motion, seconded by Tim Hagey, to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
