

**VERNON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Chairman Knipe read the Statement of Compliance

Flag Salute: Chairman led Flag Salute

ROLL CALL:

Present: Peter Knipe
Heidi Le Bris
Dave Killin
Evan Kovach
Jamie Rickey
Bruce Campbell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Chairman Knipe opened the meeting up to the public

- Mayor Rossi shared his desire for the EDAC to work closely with his office and Administrative Departments to attract further smart development projects within the township. He emphasized the need to preserve and protect the rural appeal and lifestyle of the Township. Mayor Rossi said the sale of Legends is pending and going through a process that involves the Township and the buyer.

DISCUSSION

- Chairman Knipe led a discussion with Committee members regarding the potential viability of the development of a mini retail village and provided members with a printed article describing such projects that have been successfully developed in other towns
- Chairman Knipe asked for a volunteer to gather and present to the Committee pertinent Economic and Demographic Data related to Vernon and Sussex County. Heidi LeBris volunteered to undertake that initiative and Chairman will assist

- A discussion was had concerning the commercial signage that exists throughout the township. It was agreed that this will be a project undertaken later in 2024
- Chairman shared with Committee the discussion that he, Mayor Rossi and Mindy Martin conducted with the owners of the new Brewery being built in Vernon. The discussion included what the anticipated economic impact the Brewery will have in Vernon. The EDAC will arrange and participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of the Brewery, Brewery is expected to open in May this year
- A discussion to develop and host a townwide Forum on Economic Development that will include the participation/ presentation of several sponsors including a local bank, local real estate firm, USDA Representative and possibly a developer. The date is to be determined but will be no later than September 2024
- Committee discussed the possibility of leading an initiative to generate funding of a Township Clock to be erected on a yet to be determined location

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM