

VERNON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Chairman Knipe read the Statement of Compliance

Flag Salute: Chairman led Flag Salute

ROLL CALL:

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

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 to identify 3 or 4 possible initiatives to address and act upon during the year.

-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 brief discussion was had to discuss the commercial signage that exists throughout the township. It was agreed that this will be a project undertaken later in 2024

-Chairman suggested to the Committee the initiative to plan and participate in ribbon cutting ceremonies for all new businesses and to meet with owners to introduce the Committee to them

-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 possible projects to enhance the appearance of the Township. Work with Beautification Committee and DPW on potential projects

ADJOURNMENT :

-The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM