DOVER TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 24TH, 2024

The Dover Township Industrial Commercial Development Committee (I/CDC) Meeting for January 24th, 2024, was called to order at 4:02 PM by Industrial/Commercial Development Chairman Brian Caden. Committee members present were Anthony Sarago, Ashley Spangler Jr., Kim Hogeman, and James Turnure. Ashley Spangler Sr. and Charles Benton were absent with prior notice. Also, in attendance were Cindy Snyder, Borough Council Member; Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; John McLucas, Township Planning Director; Stephen Parthree, Township Supervisor; John Popovich, Representative Seth Grove, and Brooke Scearce, Township Secretary. There was 2 members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 20TH, 2023

Motion by Anthony Sarago and seconded by James. Turnure to approve the December 20th, 2023, Industrial Commercial Development Committee meeting minutes as presented. **Passed** with 5 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Wolverton stated that he is present on behalf of the Dover Area School District since he is a Board Member.

Manager Oswalt stated that he will need to fill out an application and then the Board of Supervisors will be able to appoint him at their next meeting in February.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

- B. Caden stated that there was a meeting on January 14th. There was a total of 19 people present at the meeting.
- C. Snyder stated that she shared the website with someone in the community.

Manager Oswalt questioned if any new members have joined.

A. Sarago stated there was a representative from M&T bank and 1st National Bank that were present at the meeting and R. L. Addlesberger Roofing officially submitted their application.

John Popovich arrived to meeting at 4:06 PM.

A. Sarago stated that the website is live. New applicants can now submit their applications online and they are now accepting payments online as well.

Comprehensive Plan Action Items

None were noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Additional Priority Parcel Suggestions

J. McLucas stated that there were no priority parcels at this point in time. However, there is a lot for sale located on Carlisle Road across from Moove-In-Self Storage that could potentially become a priority parcel in the future. The parcel is a nice size and backs up to Grenway Road.

Home Grown Business Applications

J. McLucas stated that he has not received any new applications. 2Delicious did submit their application but they are not up on the website yet, he would like another business in the pipeline before switching it to 2Delicious. The application has been shared on all of the Township's social media platforms and has been in the newsletter for years.

Employers Training Survey Further Discussion

J. McLucas stated that at the meeting last month, the committee went through all the survey results and from the results they were able to determine the training opportunities that need to be applied but need to figure out the location to hold the training and who will conduct the training. The school is the most logical partner, but he feels Charles Benton should be present for the discussion. The number one skill from the survey that everyone is lacking is people skills.

Manager Oswalt stated that students in the CTE program get to be in the workforce and they go over how to put together a resume but not all the students are required to take the CTE program.

- A. Spangler Jr. stated that he has looked over resumes the past couple of days from indeed and the people filling out the resumes from indeed struggle to even complete the application effectively.
- J. McLucas stated the next step is to figure out if the school would be able to provide a classroom in the evening. There might even be some business leaders in the area who might be willing to contribute financially or even be able to instruct the class.
- K. Hogeman stated that Penn State Olli might be able to provide information.
- D. Wolverton stated that with the new school board members, they will be more willing to work on this project.

Manager Oswalt stated that this is something that is discussed in the Joint Comp Plan and in previous conversations with the school the same question of where we begin was raised. This is

why the survey was developed. There are plenty of partners available, it is just we just need to determine what the commitments are to start planning a path forward.

Development Update

- J. McLucas stated the following development updates: Mavis Tire is open; Warehouses will be on the agenda for the Planning Commission for their February meeting; Antique Mall will be expanding; Harbold's RV had a small expansion which is completed; The Volunteer Fire Department is near completion; Buchmyer's Pool is near completion; and the Harmony Grove Road Solar Farm has been withdrawn. He also mentioned that there were a total of 156 new single family homes built in 2023.
- C. Snyder questioned how many storage units will be available at the storage facility located on Carlisle Road that was the old distillery.
- J. McLucas stated that he is unsure but will provide the numbers at the February meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM by Chairman B. Caden.

Respectfully submitted by: Brooke Mclarce

Brooke Scearce, Township Secretary