

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MINUTES 1/5/2023**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Secretary will call the Meeting to order.

Appointments:

Joseph Petsch, Member, 2 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2024
Kevin Constantine, Member, 2 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2024
Justin Adams, Member, 3 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2025
Louis Moffa, Member, 3 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2025
Jim Kelly, Member, 3 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2025
Jason Brandt, Member, 3 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2025
Jonathan Keen, 1st Liaison, 1 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2023
Timothy Doyle, 2nd Liaison, 1 Year, Term Expires 12/31/2023

Roll Call

Members Present: Jason Brandt, Member, Kevin Constantine, Member, Lou Moffa, Member

Joe Petsch, Member, Jonathan Keen, Committee 1st Liaison, Tim Doyle, Committee 2nd Liaison

Members Excused: Justin Adams, Member, Jim Kelly, Member

Positions for 2023:

Nomination of Chairman for the Year of 2023:

Mr. Petsch nominated Mr. Moffa as Chairman, no other nominations made, Mr. Constantine seconded that nomination. Voice vote: All in favor

Nomination of Vice Chairman for the Year of 2023:

Mr. Keen nominated Mr. Petsch for Vice Chairman, no other nominations made, Mr. Constantine seconded that motion. Voice vote: All in favor

Nomination of Secretary for the Year of 2023:

Mr. Moffa stated that although he would like Rosemary Flaherty to stay as the secretary to the EDC, he believed that it needed to be approved by Administration and asked Mr. Keen to relay to the Committee that the board would like to have Rosemary Flaherty stay on in the position for the Year of 2023.

Mr. Moffa motioned to move this matter to the Committee, Mr. Brandt seconded that motion. Voice Vote: All in favor

Reports/Communication

RLS has been approved by the Zoning Board under Application ZB22-18MS/SP

Mr. Moffa also wanted Mr. Keen to advise the Committee if Mr. Doyle does not have time to attend the meetings this year to please appoint another committee member.

Mr. Moffa welcomed Jonathan Keen to the EDC.

Barbara Halpern attended the meeting as a resident and addressed the Commission about the redevelopment, transparency, Par Three Management at 1012 Delsea Drive.

She is concerned that there seems to be a lack of transparency and mentioned Kiddie College and the contamination and she felt that the LSRP report was not made public.

She also wanted to know where Meredith Farms stands.

Mr. Moffa stated Mr. Lyons was reviewing agreement.

Ms. Halpern stated that perhaps the Township should consider a dispensary for cannabis that could generate revenue.

Members expressed the issues other towns are having with the dispensaries.

Ms. Halpern expressed her concerns regarding concentrated housing and poor air quality.

Mr. Moffa stated that most of the redevelopment proposed is wetlands. Mr. Halpern stated that if the proposal was just the Fazzio land the issues may be less.

Mr. Moffa advised that the accusations made at the meetings regarding the EDC gave him concern. He stated that no matter what happens, the Planning Board will need to approve the plan and development. He gave an overview of how Meredith Farms started and was paused at one point due to political agendas. He stated when applicants come to the EDC, they are meeting with them on an advisory level, the EDC does not approve applicants. They leave and go through the process. Ms. Halpern advised everyone to look at the State Planning on warehousing development.

Ms. Halpern stated that she is impressed with Mr. Keen and knows he cares about the residents. She also wishes that government would be more open and transparent.

Adjourn