GROWTH & REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2013

The following are the informal minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in the Lawrence Township Municipal Building, Lower Level Conference Room; there was no quorum.

The informal meeting started at 6:45 pm.

The May 22, 2013 minutes will be on the next agenda.

Present:

Ryan Kennedy, Vice Chairperson; Charles Lavine; Donald Little; John Conroy; Max Ramos; Andrew Link, Principal Planner and Susan Snook, Secretary

Absent:

Jags Vazirani; Karen Vincent-Lavanga; Michel Franc; Reza Asgari; John Schloesser; Danielle Delprato; Howard Nelson; Melissa Saunders; Kurt Koevenig; Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison; Don Addison

Excused Absence:

Christopher Bobbitt; Lovette Love-Stevens; Tushar Patel

Brief Summary of Discussion:

Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated Jude Martin-Cianfano confirmed that the Awards Ceremony will be held at Special Olympics and she will also obtain a quest speaker, possibly Mark Edenzon. Vice Chairperson Kennedy asked the Board members if they had any thoughts for a speaker.

Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated Mr. Link supplied a list of prior winners and prior sponsors and the Board members volunteered to get in touch with the sponsors. There is one for each award bowl.

The following Board members volunteered to obtain sponsorships from the following organizations for donations (\$275 for regular sponsor and \$300 mayor's):

Vice Chairperson Kennedy: Stark & Stark; First Choice Bank, Mercedes

John Conroy: Roma Bank, BMS and Simon

Max Ramos: St. Lawrence, Brandywine, Shop Rite

Danielle Delprato: First Constitution Bank

The Board members discussed the possibility of increasing the sponsorship and mayor's sponsorship fee from \$275 to \$300 and the Mayor's from \$300 to \$350.

Mr. Link stated that we ask the Mayor if he has any one to nominate first. Max Ramos asked if we had any contact information and Mr. Link stated he will get out an e-mail on Friday. Typically there are eight (8) awards; however, last year there were nine (9) because we gave out two in the same category. Mr. Ramos asked how many tickets are given to each participate and it was noted two.

The awards ceremony will be held on October 9, 2013 at 8:00 am. Mr. Conroy stated he will try to get Jerry Fennelly of NAI Fennelly as key note speaker, if needed or as a back-up.

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Mr. Link told the Board members that the Press Release went out 1 month ago to Council, all the Committees, the sponsors and the press and award winners who had e-mail addresses. Vice Chairperson Kennedy stated all categories are fair game; we do not receive many nominations from the outside, most nominations come from the Board members. Vice Chairperson Kennedy will check with Jude Martin-Cianfano if there is a site yet for this event through the Chamber.

Mr. Link stated the bowls are made by a local potter, Joan Reymond who is also a local resident and has been making the bowls for about 10 years.

The nomination deadline is August 9, 2013 (Friday before our meeting on August 13, 2013).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2012.

Susan Snook, Secretary
Growth & Redevelopment Committee

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