# MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2013

The reorganization and monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Business Development Partnership (BDP) was held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Montgomery Township Building. The members of the BDP in attendance included Larry Mastroieni, Stephen Nave, Jay Haenn, Jim Brusilovsky, Allan Nappen, Matt Roegner, Jack Fazio, and Tony Lizell. Also present: Bruce Shoupe, Planning Director, Stacy Crandell, Assistant to the Township Manager, and Laura Duff, Public Information Coordinator. Absent from the meeting were: Kris Field and Bob Cole.

# **REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:34pm.

**Nominations for Chair:** Chairman Jay Haenn turned the meeting over to Allan Nappen since the Vice-Chairman May Kay Kelm resigned from the Committee. The Committee voted unanimously for Allan Nappen to be Chairman for 2013.

**Nominations for Vice-Chairman:** Newly elected Chair Allan Nappen took nominations and Jim Brusilovsky was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Adjournment: Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:36pm.

November Minutes Approval: Approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** Ashley and Liz from Staybridge Suites attended the meeting to network and find out about the committee. They may be interested in the vacancy on the committee. They also informed the group that they will have an open house on February 24<sup>th</sup> 4-7PM and there will be refreshments and entertainment.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Staff News**

• The Committee took a new committee photo. Stacy Crandell introduced Laura Duff as our new public information coordinator to the Committee.

#### John DiNome- Reed Smith

- The Committee welcomed John DiNome, a labor attorney from Reed Smith. He has spoken to the committee a few years ago.
- John DiNome talked about some of the changes in 2012 and what to watch for in 2013 as far as
  labor issues. Some of the topics that were discussed included National Labor Relations Board,
  Affordable Care Act, Changes to the Fair Credit Reporting Act Forms, Independent Contractor
  Status, Defense of Marriage Act, and Criminal Background Checks.

## **Meeting Ideas for 2013**

- The Committee discussed possible ideas for meetings in 2013. The Committee would like to have a business card exchange on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7PM. Staff will start working on postcards etc.
- The February Meeting will have Dennis Cooney from the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee to present about the golf outing.
- Some of the other ideas are Todd Stephens Office, PennDOT, Affordable Care Act (Allan knows someone that could take about it), and Penn Suburban Chamber.
- There will be no meeting in August or December in 2013.

# **Old Business:**

## **Energy Bills**

• Jay Haenn talked to the Committee about the process he just went through when he was looking into different rates for his energy bill. He stated if anyone needed information about it to contact him.

### **Business Update**

• Bruce Shoupe gave some updates to the Committee about businesses and developments.

# **Adjournment:**

• There being no further business to come before the BDP, the meeting adjourned at 1:57p.m. The Committee will meet next on February 19, 2013.