

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Business Development Partnership (BDP) was held at 8:30 am, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 virtually via Microsoft Teams. The members of the BDP in attendance included Lisa Martin, J.P. Northrop, Mary Griffith-Alfarano, and Gwen Karpf. Also present: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager; Scott Bendig, Chief of Police; Bruce Shoupe, Director of Planning & Zoning; and Marianne McConnell, Deputy Zoning Officer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: none

New Business:

Montgomery Township Police Department Update: Chief Bendig provided the Committee with an update as to policies and procedures that have been in place and the continual review of these procedures. The Police Department has been communicating with the coordinators of protests and the events have been very peaceful and organized. The department reviews social media daily and has an ongoing partnership with the FBI. They have adjusted staffing accordingly and increased police presence for specific situations. The County has programs in place including MIRT (Major Incident Response Team) that provide logistical support and additional officers. Their main goal is to respect the protesters first amendment rights, keep things organized and peaceful, and protect the residents and businesses within the Township. The Chief expressed appreciation for all of the support from the Township residents and businesses.

Township Businesses Yellow & Green Phase – The Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on June 8, 2020 allowing the Temporary Outdoor Dining / Seating and Retail Sales due to Covid 19. Businesses submit the application to the Planning & Zoning Department for review. The Township's goal is to review the applications and issue the temporary permits within 24 hours of receipt.

BDP's Future Role – Lisa Martin expressed an interest to take the BDP to the next level to help all businesses in the community and respectfully requested that this forum not be utilized for personal agendas.

Old Business: none

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the BDP, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 am July 21, 2020 virtually via Microsoft Teams.