

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022
6:00 PM

IN PERSON MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

- Belinda Blazic, Frank Angelucci, Herb Ames, Vibhor Batra

2. CREATION OF MISSION STATEMENT – 3 DRAFTS BELOW:

- To advise the Township Committee in the promotion and development of Chesterfield as an attractive and viable commercial location while maintaining the identity and character of the Township.
- The purpose of this committee is to foster the development of new and diverse businesses throughout the Chesterfield community.

Explore innovative ideas to attract new businesses to the community in order to create new taxables to help stabilize taxes and offer our residents a vibrant & diverse business community all while maintaining the rural and agricultural makeup.

Newly drafted to try to capture all ideas above:

- To act as an advisory committee and promote, encourage, and facilitate the development of responsible and properly planned business within the community in order to expand and strengthen the local economy and diversify the community's tax base while maintaining the rural and agricultural identity, charm, and character of Chesterfield Township.

We can finalize at the next meeting...

Do we need a vision statement?

3. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm tentative
- Tuesday, July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm tentative

4. AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORY

- Title: Farm Land Directory; or Community Directory

- How do we get businesses to register?
- Would there be a fee? (\$25)
- What type of outreach can we do?
 - Facebook
 - Nextdoor
 - Mailer with tax bill

5. 5K RUN/1M WALK – MEMORANDUM

- Should we have it before the Harvest Festival?
- Frank would be happy to work with Rachael to plan route.
- Raise money for ED Committee – promoting businesses in town; videos, commercials; prizes
- Should we inquire about Yoga classes or badminton at Rec building during Harvest Festival?

6. Bike Race? New idea/event for discussion.

7. BUSINESS MATTERS TO DISCUSS/CONCEPTS TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL BASE

- Cannabis opportunities - cultivation
 - 100,000 sq. ft.; Ward Ave. 16 acres
 - 80MM annually; township would get 2%
 - Window of opportunity is running out
- Discuss with Tom to confirm it is not a problem to request a meeting to get more information from the consulting firm; if we can proceed....
- Get available dates for a **special meeting** with consulting firm
- Township opted out and would need to pass an ordinance

8. Saddle Way Commercial – should we invite property owner for discussions to help encourage new businesses; how many spaces are available?

9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 p.m.
