

Elk Township Economic Development Committee
Monday, May 2, 2011 7:30pm Minutes
Elk Township Municipal Building

In Attendance: David Slack, Victor Morella
Doris Brady and Cheryl Potter

Absent: Alex Dinkels, Delores Swanson, Angela Teti and Mike Pantaleo

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm

Guest Speaker: Dave Kleinschmidt, President and Joseph P. Reggetto, Manager
Lake Garrison, 849 Buck Road, Monroeville, New Jersey

Seasonal business that operates 6 months out of the year from May 1st to October 30. In 1957, Lake Garrison was incorporated with 110 families who are all stockholders in the Garrison Lake Stockholders Corporation. Lake Garrison is ruled by a board of directors that consists of 9 members that are all volunteer. Residents pay a \$1,000.00 ground rate fee annually to the corporation. Many of the property owners have been there for generations. Activities are planned for the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Fourth of July is one of Lake Garrison's biggest event. Costs are \$6.00 for the week and \$8.00 for weekends that entitles guests to the lake and picnic areas. No one spends the nights there excepts residents. Hours of operation are 9 am to 8 pm on the weekends and 10:00 am to 8:00 pm during the week. The biggest things that hurts Lake Garrison is the weather and they do their best business on the weekends. Lake Garrison has 19 employees and they operate their own small store, website and face book page. They target mostly churches, day care centers and the YMCA of both Gloucester and Salem County. They sometime advertise in the Gloucester County Times and people can come to visit them all over New Jersey and even outside of the State of New Jersey. Security has never been an issue at Lake Garrison and no alcohol permits are ever issued. They are currently in the process of building another lake and a 40 by 80 feet pole barn for workshops and office space. There are also six homes for sale. Joe Reggetto is the only one that lives at Lake Garrison full-time. One problem they have is the high rate of speed of motorists who travel down Buck Road and questioned if a blinking light could be put in to help slow down motorists, especially during the summer months. A networking event is taking place at Lake Garrison on June 22, 2011 with the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce to show-off their business.

Review Open Items:

Approved the April 4th Meeting Minutes. Motioned made by Victor Morella and seconded by Doris Brady.

Laux Road -Nothing was heard back from the township. Victor Morella said that Atlantic City Electric does not have the infrastructure for a mega watt unit, but PSEG may be able to put in a infrastructure for a mega unit if there was a change in legislation. He suggested if we could get approval from the township committee and put something in writing for them to sign then it would go to the county and move up the political chain for a change to be done in the legislature. This could, he felt, open up communication with PSEG to get whet they need in terms of legislation and then that information could be forwarded back to the township committee.

Green Solar -This item can be removed from agenda.

Warehouse Space - This item can be removed from agenda.
100 Acres Owned by Gloucester County- Have not heard back from Lisa Morina.

Review New Items:

Updated on tracking mechanism

Ewan Crossings - Conversation is still ensuing with neighbors.

Solar Panels- Aura School -School Board Member Frank Gross was puzzled why nothing was done to put solar panels on Aura School Building. David Slack explained how the school board could utilize an RFP to see if the building could handle the weight of solar panels and the board would not have to pay for it because the company who would install the panels, he said, would be responsible for the installation cost. Mr. Gross said he would talk to Michael Moore, the school district's Facility Manager about it.

Lawn Doctor - David Slack reported that Lawn Doctor did break ground. Plans call, he said, for the owner to live in the house and the office would probably be in his basement.

Catholic Church - Nothing new to report

Cell Tower -Ferrell Volunteer Fire Department - Davis Slack reported that the fire company did not have their final CO yet.

Industrial Flex Space - Update Mile Pantaleo - No report since Mike was absent .

Gas Line - Whig Lane Road- Nothing new to report.

Communication via Face book- David Slack reported that the township's police and public works department have Face book and that it is a different way to communicate, but we need a volunteer to run it. Doris Brady suggested that may be Delsea Regional High School could be contacted and a student may be able to create and maintain a Face book page for the committee for academic credit.

Discuss other meetings committee member have attended - None

Miscellaneous:

David Slack notified the committee that Alex Dinkels has resigned from the committee because he is traveling a lot on business and will be unable to attend the meetings. Mr. Slack said he asked Mike Pantaleo to look for a replacement.

Review Next Steps:

Next meeting - June 6, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Open to the Public: - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. - Motion made by Victor Morella and seconded by Doris Brady.