

## **Anderson Township Economic Development Committee- MEETING SUMMARY**

July 27, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the Anderson Center

### Members Present in Person:

Paul Kitzmiller (Chair), Julie Bissinger, Amy Broghamer, Chris Corrado, Jeff Cowan, Michael Doenges, Jake Fraiture, John Halpin, Nicole Hunter, Phil Kiley, Zach Peterson, Scot Prebles, Amy Richardson, Jeff Rosa, David Rose,

### Others Present in Person:

Sarah Donovan (Anderson Township Staff), Jennifer Sanders (Anderson Township Staff), Steve Sievers (Anderson Township Staff), Stefano Vicino (Anderson Township co-op)

### Members Absent:

John Deeds, Stephen Feagins, Nick Fucito, Derek Garrison, Paige Jansen, Elizabeth Maier, Matt Owen, Scott Miller, Benjamin Smith, Marcus Thompson

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Mr. Kitzmiller called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., and welcomed members to the meeting and stated it was great to see everyone and asked each member to introduce themselves.

## **Review of May 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

Mr. Kitzmiller stated the minutes from the last meeting, on May 25, 2021, were in the packet. He asked for any corrections, additions, and questions. Mr. Rosa made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Bissinger and there was unanimous approval.

## **Announcements – Township News, Business Updates, etc.**

Mr. Sievers reviewed the business update, stating that it was last updated with additional business from May to July. He asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Donovan reviewed the actions from the Zoning Commission meeting the previous night. She noted that there were three cases, all of which were approved. These cases included:

Case 3-2020 FDP, for final development plan approval for the 12 duplexes and 1 single unit on Nagel Road.

Case 3-2021 PUD for a 26 lot subdivision called the Carriages at Coldstream. She noted that this is planned to be an empty-nester focused subdivision, and will have 14 acres of dedicated open space.

Case 1-2021 FDP, for final development plan for the parcels at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and King Louis Court for a sit-down restaurant with outdoor patio, parking and landscaping.

Mr. Kitzmiller noted how important the first two cases are in providing a product that is not really found anywhere else in Anderson Township, both of which are highly needed. For those newer members, he commented how an emphasis of the Committee over the past 10 years has centered on diversifying the housing stock. He touched upon the wide variety of new or forthcoming housing opportunities including multi-family, senior housing communities, and empty-nester/smaller lot developments.

Mr. Halpin noted that the Tree Committee has followed the lead of EDC in reviewing cases where there are mature trees present in order to protect the tree canopy in Anderson Township. He noted that as a result of their review, the Zoning Commission placed conditions on both cases that will take the mature trees into account for the purpose of protecting them.

Mr. Kitzmiller also noted a new business in the Township called Inspiring Purpose on Forest Road just had their ribbon cutting, which is a new adult center. He added that they have only been open a week and are at max capacity, again proving that there are needs to be met within the Township.

Mr. Sievers provided an updated on the Vantage project at the Park and Ride site. He noted that the developer is working on Building Department review and approval before the property will transfer from the Township.

Mr. Sievers noted that Skytop has officially changed property owners and that they are looking toward demolition in the coming weeks for the redevelopment of the site.

Mr. Sievers also noted that we are holding a Comprehensive Plan open house on August 30<sup>th</sup> and an open house for the Kellogg gateway study on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both of which will occur in the late afternoon, tentatively 4-6:30pm, and hopes members can attend and help shape the future focus of Township, and Committee, efforts.

### **Homearama Discussion**

Mr. Kitzmiller stated that Homearama continues to be a focus for the Township and appreciates all the hard work going into the planning for this. He asked each subcommittee to provide an update on their efforts and next steps.

#### ***Experience Anderson***

Mr. Broghammer provided an update for Mr. Owen, stating that he had meetings in Columbus. She noted that Mr. Owen sent out an email earlier in the week to their members about the Anderson Chamber Day. They also have opportunities for businesses in the Township that do not have to be chamber members. This includes a poster for their window, a feature of any potential specials, and feature on a map that will be in the Anderson booth at the show.

Ms. Broghammer also noted that they are working on the Chamber's website, which will host a landing page for the Township's Homearama efforts, with a QR code providing additional information on these businesses for people that are at show.

#### ***Experience the Event***

Ms. Richardson noted that they are still looking for bands for Battle of the Bands on September 18<sup>th</sup>. She added that Duke Energy is sponsoring the event and is giving the Township \$10,000, which will go directly to the stage, sound equipment, and band prize money. She added that they are opening the Battle

of the Bands up to any and all age groups and really hope to fill all 6 time slots, however, she did create a cut off date for needing to get more bands before they go a different direction.

Ms. Richardson stated that volunteers at Township driven events is critical and that she hopes to see everyone at the show for multiple events volunteering.

### ***Experience the Drive***

Ms. Bissinger stated that they are in the process of recording Marty Brenneman for the introduction and exit narrative that will play on the shuttles to the show from Belterra, and vice versa. She added that he had approved the language used in the speech that staff and Josh had written.

Ms. Bissinger stated that the School District is going to use the banners that Homearama made for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at both high school football stadiums in the hopes to gain attention at the games. She added that traffic directional signs have been delivered to the township and will go up the first week of September.

Mr. Sievers stated that the street banners will also go up around the same time frame and will be in all locations, including Clough, Beechmont, Five Mile and Kellogg, where one would normally see seasonal banners.

Mr. Sievers noted that we are also working on the installation of a street light at the intersections of Hopper with Eight Mile and Parkside Lake Drive to help improve visibility.

### **Announcement of Next Meeting – TBD**

There were no other announcements. Mr. Sievers stated the next “interim” Committee meeting will be August 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Anderson Center and we will determine when the next Regular EDC meeting will be since it falls within the Homearama event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.