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Economic Development Commission Minutes
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PRESENT: Chairman Limoncelli
Commissioner Pacelli
Commissioner Serio
Commissioner Alvarado
Chairman Limoncelli

STAFF: Arthur L. DeSorbo, Dir.

Chairman Limoncelli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Commissioner Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Bittner to approve the minutes of the February 25th, 2013 meeting that were distributed by e-mail. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director DeSorbo stated that the Latino Expo was very successful. There were more people in attendance this year and everything worked out very well. Handouts such as pens, bags and candy were given out by the EDC/Town booth and will expand more next year. All tables had giveaways for the attendees. Materials on voting were available in Spanish from the Secretary of State. Representative James Albis, Senator Len Fasano were in attendance as well.

Director DeSorbo stated that he sent a letter out to the owner of the old Eblens plaza about ideas he had to see if a go through could be made through the two plazas where the new Shop Rite will be to make it easier for residents to go between both plazas rather than having to go out on Rte. 80. He is hoping the owner responds. The owner is current on taxes.

Hobby Lobby is holding a ribbon cutting on 5/6/13 at 9am and Dollar Tree will have theirs on 4/27/13 also at 9am. Sleepy's moved into the old Friendly's on Frontage Road. Shop Rite should be open by late summer or early fall. There is some exterior work being done on the building by the owner. They have been given no incentives.

Director DeSorbo stated that he has a meeting this Wednesday to finalize the plans for the Industrial Park and the additional property for Town Fair. He is going to the DEEP to get that ball rolling, then on to the Army Corps of Engineers in Massachusetts about the filling of the area. He has spoken to Rosa DeLauro about this project as well. They have started to chip seal on Proto Drive between Coe and Commerce and the entrance to the Industrial Park. The Town Engineer is putting a design together for the cul-de-sac

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for tractor trailers near Thermatool. Town Fair is anxious to expand. Director DeSorbo stated his goal is to clean up the Industrial Park. There are now privacy fences and cameras at the landfill because of illegal dumping and vandalism.

Restaurant week will be help 4/29-5/5. There are 9 restaurants participating. There are signs and banners up all over Town. Demirs has been sold and a new place will open there in the near future. The beach sand has been upgraded especially after all that was lost due to Super storm Sandy. The splash pad has been cleaned and maintained and is ready for use. It is extraordinarily popular and Director DeSorbo is looking into see if something could. Art asked that if members of the commission go to Restaurant Week let them know that you're a member of the commission and you're here to support.

OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion was held with regard to the possibility of a strong restaurant looking to Frontage Road property. Twin Pines is constructing a new addition and Art met with Senator Fasano and Rep. Albis regarding the Christ Epiphany Church empty house on the corner of Park and Main that could be used maybe the Historical society.

There being no further business to come before the agency, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Commissioner Pacelli and seconded by Commissioner Serio. All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk