

**MINUTES OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Carl Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice as defined in section 3D of Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 has been made to the New Jersey Herald and is posted on the bulletin Board at the Hardyston Township Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Ken Kievit – Present
Stanley Kula – Present
Terry Johnson – Present
Bill Repasy – Excused
Carl Miller – Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Hardyston Township Economic Development Advisory Commission Meeting Held August 8, 2011: A motion to approve was made by Stanley Kula and seconded by Ken Kievit. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Hardyston Township 250th Anniversary Celebration

Commission members discussed updates for the 2012 celebration event.

1. The anniversary mat Chairman Miller purchased from Milliken Carpets has been placed in the Council room.
2. Ken Kievit displayed a sample anniversary throw. Prices were quoted as: 25 pieces @ \$35 each; 50 pieces @ \$30 each; 100 pieces @ \$27.75. Terry Johnson suggested the possibility of pictures on the throw. Commission members felt the logo would be the better choice to keep the sale of the throws affordable to residents. It was decided that the cost for each to the public should be within the \$35 - \$40 price range.
3. Ken Kievit brought a sample biodegradable litter bag that commissioners agreed on last meeting. Mr. Kievit will be ordering 1000 bags imprinted with the anniversary logo as give-a-ways during the celebration event. Mr. Kievit advised that he will pay for the items with the notation, "*Donated by Athenia Mason Supply*", imprinted on the bags. The bags will be white with blue memorabilia/printing. Mr. Kievit will move to order them as soon as possible.
4. Stanley Kula and Terry Johnson advised that the magnets purchased for the anniversary were of poor durability for outside use. Each has placed one on their vehicle and the facing is peeling off. Perhaps a smaller size or using static cling decals would have been a better choice.

5. Terry Johnson is looking into bands for entertainment. She indicated she knew of a group that has sent her a demo tape; she will bring this to the next 250th Anniversary Committee meeting on September 26th for their review. It was suggested to have a band play during the pig roast to keep the momentum going and provide a bridge between the pig roast and fireworks later in the evening. For safety sake, perhaps shooting the fireworks off at Ballyowen. Permission would have to be obtained.
6. Terry Johnson suggested possibly offering the Future Business Leaders of America Club at the high school, as a money maker, the opportunity to sell glow necklaces for the fireworks presentation. This would be an initiative for young people to be involved with the Township.
7. Everyone felt the upcoming celebration events: music, food, fireworks, will be a positive draw to residents from other towns as well.

NEW BUSINESS: 2012 Hardyston Calendar

1. The Economic Development Advisory Commission's calendar page was discussed to select a business to be recognized. Carl Miller suggested Skylands Ice World as one business that has both made an effort in keeping a well-manicured establishment as well as giving back to the community in a time of need for residents during the August/September storms. Commissioners were all in agreement. Secretary Arlene Fleming will handle having a photo taken of Skylands for insertion into the calendar.
2. Dates for the 2012 EDC meetings were discussed as conflicts existed with Township holidays as well as MUA meetings. After discussion, all meeting dates were confirmed for the coming year.
3. Stanley Kula questioned whether the other commissioners would have any problem with changing the EDAC meeting time to 7 PM rather than 7:30 PM. Mr. Miller indicated it would be tight for his schedule and Bill Repasy would also have to be contacted. However, joint meetings with Franklin Borough would remain at 7:30 PM.

BILLS: There were no bills for review.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no action required on either correspondence regarding Edgewater Associates or Caruso's.

DISCUSSION: No further items were discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no public participants.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Stanley Kula and seconded by Ken Kievit. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Fleming