

Annual Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2017

Attendance: Jim Fuller, Russ Hoover, Rog Smith, Frank Campbell, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Patti McLaughlin, Charles Garner, John Gerner, Christie Young, Dawn Lowe, Paul Rudy, Morgan Tressler, Derek Whitesel, Marti Roberts,

Excused: Brenda Watson, Pat Patterson, Steve Peters, June Reisinger

Unexcused:

Called to order 8:04 a.m.

John: Minutes posted. Russ moved, Patti seconded. Motion carried. No comments on bylaws. Must address audit issue. Need to do one, but cost prohibitive. Can we amend minutes to address this? Discussion ensued regarding necessity, laws, etc. Year in review (required at annual meeting) happens monthly via chair report and staff report.

Treasurer report: Russ posted report on Dropbox. Kevin moved to accept, Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Chair: Two major projects – BRE (board is workforce for this effort) and Branding. Discussion followed about chair report, BR&E expectations, Open Farm Day, Powerpoint deliverable from PSU. Rog sent letter to Nicholas Guarente from Greenwood school district regarding having a Ed Summit with Superintendents, Teachers, students, etc. Will schedule another working meeting for that project after initial conversation with superintendent.

Looking into pursuing a 501c3 for Perry Business and Tourism Center. How long, how much? We'll do the research and get back.

Broadband information from USDA Acting State Director Trudy Moore.

Dawn motioned to change Administrative Assistant title to Economic Development Administrator. Christie seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the slate of officers: Russ motioned. John seconded. Derek questioned what "at large" roll is. Motion carried.

New business: Rich, EDA and chamber met with LSD park architects who asked us to be advocates in public for the project. Will probably be 10-year project. Want a master plan done by May/June. Asking for Grant money for engineering phase will run through 2018, groundbreaking in 2019. They're eager to get our econ assessment. Legislative forum trip and breakfast available if people want to attend.

Corn day – we have a booth. 150-200 local farmers. January 27 at Perry Mennonite Center. PSU Extension Dinner, January 31 at Perry Mennonite Center. Penn Township public meeting, January 23 at 7 PM regarding Medical Cannabis. Chamber annual meeting April 7 – Little Buffalo State Park – PA Secretary of Ag Russell Redding is Keynote speaker.

Rich motioned to adjourn, Paul seconded. Motion carried at 9:23