



February 18, 2020  
KEP Board Meeting

**Board Members Present**

P. Brooks Banta  
Shelly Cecchett  
Jerry Esposito  
Linda Parkowski  
Tom Burns  
Shane Breakie  
Joanne Masten  
Michael Petit de Mange  
Bob MacLeish  
Judy Diogo

**Absent**

Denis McGlynn  
Gregg Moore  
Mike Boyle  
Robin Christiansen  
Damian DeStefano

**Guest**

Gary Stulir

Shelly Cecchett called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

After it was determined there was quorum present, the board moved forward with the meeting.

There being no addition to the agenda, on motion made,  
by Joanne Masten, seconded by Judy Diogo, the agenda was approved.

The December 2019 minutes were sent to the board in advance, on motion made by Shane Breakie, seconded by Brooks Banta, the December 2019 minutes were approved.

**Financial Report** –December & January financial reports were presented. There was \$442,000 in revenue, and \$342,000 in expenses. \$50,000 was from DelDot for the aviation study. On motion made by Judy Diogo and seconded by Joanne Masten, the financial reports were approved.

**Chairman's Report** – Ready in Six is still continuing. We help to organize a team of experts and front line folks who are involved in the permitting process to offer recommendations to the group.

The GKC will be hosting a Legislative Briefing on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Linda Parkowski will be giving an update.

**Mike Petit de mange** – Master Planning- the staff is reviewing the Plus recommendations. South Frederica had fewer comments. Little Heaven may need some adjustments to the Master Plan.



## **Executive Directors Report – Linda Parkowski**

Our Choose Central Delaware website has been listed as one of the top 10 Economic Development websites in the country. I have been working on the Central Delaware resource book with Delaware State News. It should launch in March. The Rockport study which was done in 2018 and it gave us a great foundation. We are commissioning Rockport to update the study to align with immediate workforce with the target industries. In addition, Dover, Smyrna and Milford will be part of the more focused study.

Project Gate has gone to settlement. Levy Court and the state both offered them incentives. We are planning a press release soon.

Project Polo has signed an agreement for the old Dover Post building and will hopefully go to settlement within the next 30 days.

Project Porto does bio processing. They are looking in Middletown and North Dover. They are running into an issue with DNREC. This is unlikely to happen.

Project Drink could be around 150 jobs of Distribution.

Project Race which is an obstacle training course for public safety. They are still trying to decide on location.

We, Central Delaware along with Smyrna and Dover are going to a trade show together. It's called Deal Makers and its focus is on retail and commercial. We have been putting together marketing pieces for the Smyrna, Milford and Dover of the commercial areas.

I will be attending the Site Selector Conference in Atlanta. We are doing in a partnership with the Delaware Prosperity Partnership along with Sussex County Economic Development.

The Chamber is setting up a meeting with the new Chief of Police to discuss safety in the city of Dover.

## **Public Comment-**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am

The next meeting will be April 21, 2020