



September 19th, 2023
KEP Board Meeting
(Hybrid Meeting)

Board Members Present

Robin Christiansen
Dina Vendetti
Shelly Cecchett (Zoom)
Denis McGlynn
Jerry Esposito
Tabitha Gott
Joanne Masten (Zoom)

Absent

Richard Wilkins
Gregg Moore
Ken Decker
Bob MacLeish
Shane Breakie
Chuck Spiegelman
Norman Barlow

Guest

Dave Hugg
Representative William Bush

Denis McGlynn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

There being no addition to the agenda, a motion to approve made by Robin Christiansen, seconded by Jerry Esposito.

The minutes of the previous board meeting held on July 18th, 2023, were sent to the board in advance. On a motion made by Robin Christensen, seconded by Dina Vendetti, it was proposed to approve the minutes with an amendment to remove Denis McGlynn from the present section as he was listed twice and was absent from the previous board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, and the July 2023 minutes were approved with the proposed amendment.

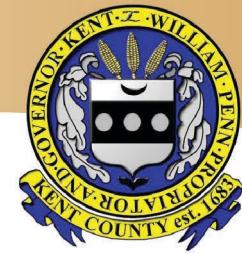
Financial Report

There were two months of financial reports, July, and August. Linda Parkowski discussed the financials and gave details on the revenues and expenses.

Motion made to accept the financial report by Jerry Esposito and second by Dina Vendetti.

Chairman's Report – Gregg Moore

Per Denis McGlynn, KEP offered appreciation to Representative William Bush. Representative Bush discussed the collaborative effort to pass the Ready in 6 Bills. Linda recommended Dennis Spence as a new board member. A motion made by Dina Vendetti and seconded by Tabitha Gott. All approved Dennis Spence as a new board member. Dennis Spence will have to be approved by Levy Court.



Presentation made by Representative William Bush

Representative Bush expressed his gratitude to the KEP Board for their collaborative efforts. He discussed the positive impact on the progress of having HB 102 and HB 104 passed and pilot projects set for HB 101 of the Ready in 6 Bills. Rep. Bush also mentioned that we must continue to partner as we prepare for a new Governor to pass other Bills on the table that would directly affect economic development and the workforce.

Business Developer's Report- Zach Prebula

Items discussed were, ICSC events in Rehoboth and Philadelphia, completed the IEDC Basic Economic Development course, attended the Logistics Development Forum at the end of July, Zach is a part of a new group called the Dover Young Leaders Group, accepted into the LCD class of 2024, attended the LCD retreat, upcoming Town Managers and Planners quarterly meeting scheduled for October.

Executive Director's Report – Linda Parkowski

Items discussed were Site Readiness Projects, Polytech Meetings, Little Heaven, Site Visits, East West phase 2, Spring Hill Suites, Fordham, Site Selector Table Talk with DPP, Rotary in Smyrna, LDI, Bylers, Pizzadilli, Burgers and Brews, Sumuri, Senator Carper's visit to the Office, Harrington Industrial Park Monthly meetings, DSCC Infrastructure meeting, Business Bus Tour.

Public Comment:

Dave Hugg mentioned that interest in the Garrison Oak Business Park has been growing and there are only 3 of the 10 lots still available.

The mayor discussed that the City of Dover is working with DSU to encourage the students to be a part of the community. The Mayor stated his negative stance on retail marijuana sales in Downtown Dover.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm

The next meeting will be November 21st, 2023, in person/Zoom hybrid at 12:00 p.m.