

**Upper Mount Bethel Economic Development Committee Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

March 27th, 2025, 7pm

Part 1

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll call**

Present: S. Cole, W, Hall, A, Defranco, R. Higgins, G. Deen, S. Barbounis, J. Erler, R. Angle, T.Mezzanote

Part 2 – EDC Administration

- 1. Approval of agenda**

Agenda was approved, 6-0 by EDC members.

- 2. Approval of February 2025 meeting minutes**

Tabled, as meeting minutes were not finalized in time.

Part 3 – Old Business

- 1. Township website update (if any)**

A general progress update was provided by S. Barbounis. EDC members reviewed the progress and agreed to continue to move ahead as planned.

- 2. Lower Delaware Scenic River initiative - follow-up questions**

Additional follow-up questions were presented to T. Mezzanote. The majority of the questions/concerns the initiative's effect on future economic development at the Portland Power plant facility.

Part 4 – New Business

1. Nomination for EDC secretary

S. Barbounis was elected as EDC secretary, 6-0 by EDC members.

2. Discussion on M. Pinter letter of interest

Discussion was held on accepting the letter of interest by M. Pinter for the vacant EDC position. Letter was accepted for submittal to UMBT BoS for appointment, voted 5-1 by EDC members.

3. Discussion and suggestions for upcoming committee chair meeting scheduled for March 31st

The general discussion consisted of items to include on the EDC’s “wish list” to be presented to the BoS after the March 31st meeting. Items included funding for township Parks & Rec needs, funding for emergency services needs, funding for township garbage services.

Part 5 – Public Comment

General comments on various development initiatives were presented by R. Angle

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9pm