

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
March 6, 2017**

ATTENDEES:

Members: Martin Kane, David Shepherd, Cynthia Korman, Janet Horst, Chris Richter, Rich Sheola,
Public: Steve Arnold

REVIEW OF MINUTES: N/A.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. It was agreed the meeting minutes from the EDAC will be posted on the Borough's website upon approval by members.
2. The selection of the three (3) members for the EDAC from the general public is ongoing. Resumes are being submitted and it is anticipated that selection will occur by the April 3rd EDAC meeting.
3. The implementation of a Technical Review Committee to facilitate development application was discussed. It was agreed that this would be discussed with the Planning Board to determine if warranted.
4. Affordable housing was discussed as it has a material impact on future development within the Borough. Borough Affordable housing meeting was scheduled for 3/14 and findings will be reported to the EDAC at our next meeting.
5. Due to the ever changing affordable housing regulations, redevelopment complexities and interest in how other communities are addressing smart development, the EDAC will attempt to have Paul Phillips, the Borough's Planner, attend the May 1st meeting to provide an overview of the issues. Rich Sheola to coordinate.
6. Highlands planning area versus preservation area was discussed. The EDAC will research the pros and cons of the respective designations and the impact on the Borough commercial development opportunities.
7. NJ Transit service was discussed as it relates to the limited service, commute time and the train station itself. The EDAC will attempt to establish a point of contact with NJ Transit to open a dialogue on the future of train service in the Borough. Rich Sheola to coordinate.
8. A number of Borough properties were discussed as potential sites to evaluate for redevelopment opportunities. These included Route 46 Eastbound from the Borough line with Denville to the Borough line with Parsippany, the Market area, Fanny & Morris industrial, and the Route 46 westbound parcel at the Denville boundary line. No recommendations were proposed.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2017 at 6pm