

**FLORENCE TOWNSHIP  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
(Reflecting May 4, 2021)

MEETING DATE/TIME: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
Florence Township Municipal Complex  
Front Conference Room (Virtual Meeting)  
711 Broad Street  
Florence, NJ 08518

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

2.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Katie Wittkamp</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Marvin Wainwright</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Joan Geary</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Deepa Patel</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Rose Sullivan</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Joseph Bongiorno</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Councilman Paul Ostrander</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Richard Popso</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Quorum Present (7 Voting Members)**      Yes **X**      No \_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from the meeting of April 5, 2021 were approved (Geary/Ostrander)

**4. CORRESPONDENCE, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

A. **2021 Patriotic Celebration:** Information was provided that the township is moving forward with all annual patriotic celebration activities. Flag Raising Ceremony, Parade and evening concert, refreshments and fireworks will all take place on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

- B. **Community Newsletter:** Mayor Wilkie shared that the township continues to look to provide community related information thru a publication similar to that of the Beverly Bee and the Registered News. It is important to filter information so that it reaches all residents because not everyone is attached to social media. The revamp of the township website (which is currently in progress) will provide various features similar to a newsletter may be able to periodically be printed and included in preset mailers but another medium to reach residents homes is something we are looking towards as well.

## 5. COMMITTEES

- A. **Route 130 Corridor:** Mayor Wilkie provided feedback associated with plans for continued redevelopment along the Route 130 corridor. During the April meeting plans were provided identifying proposed alterations to intersections in Florence Township. As it stands NJDOT and the County would coordinate items such as remaining planning, financing and proposed times to begin construction. At this time the township does not have a specific timeline as to when construction would commence.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Project Freedom:** Mayor Wilkie shared that the Project Freedom development that is proposed to be located off of Hornberger Avenue in an area behind the existing gas station at Hornberger/130 is planned to hold 72 units. The project will provided needed credits for our COAH obligation. Mayor Wilkie also shared with members of the committee how the affordable housing component is viewed/regulated by the state. (Resident – Kristan Marter inquired to some particulars of the Project Freedom planning via Zoom)
- B. **Covid-19 Testing:** Over the past year the township was worked in support of the Burlington County Health Department to create locations within the county to serve as testing and vaccination sites. Florence Township has repurposed its former public works garage to house representatives contracted thru the county to administer Covid-19 testing. These clinics are managed weekly and held at different locations within the county. In addition to testing the township has scheduled to host a vaccination clinic at the municipal complex. The site will have an initial vaccination clinic and then a secondary which will serve as the return for individuals to complete the vaccination process.
- C. **Girl Scout Project:** A Girl Scout has been working on a project at Roebing Park where custom markers are going to be placed along the walking paths to identify mile markers for walkers. The project will also contain display boards to be placed in the upper park area where health & wellness tips will be provided along with upcoming community events and activities. This project is projected to be completed in the early fall.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Florence Township Master Plan:** Mayor Wilkie provided that the Master Plan elements continue to be completed and reviewed. One of the larger components “Land Use” continues to be developed. The historical element and some others are coming together and will be reviewed for completion in the coming months.

## **8. MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT & REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Katie Wittkamp shared that there may be an opening in the fence line along the walking path in Roebling Park. Marty will report to the police department to check.

In Attendance: Resident, Kristan Marter

## **9. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25pm (Patel/Bongiorno)**