MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STAPLES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Staples Economic Development Authority was called to order by President Etzler at 5:07 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Staples Police Station Conference Room. Present were President Etzler, Commissioners Klamm, Kolling and Rice. With Isenberg, Yoder and Jenkins as absent. Also present were Executive Director Melissa Radermacher and Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen, ADMark Resources Michael Schoenecker, David Drown and Associates Jason Murray and Staples World Mark Anderson.

Minutes of the December 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Kolling and seconded by Rice to approve the minutes as presented. Etzler, Klamm, Kolling and Rice voted yes. None voted no. Carried.

Presentation by Michael Schoenecker with AdMark and Jason Murray with David Drown and Associates regarding the proposal for the Staples Housing Study. The proposal is to do a full range study of the City of Staples and surrounding cities and townships. SEDA will utilize the NJPA City/County program that allows cities to utilize consultants at 50% of the cost. Initiative Foundation has invited SEDA to submit a full application to cover the other 50% of the housing study proposal. It was moved by Kolling and seconded by Rice to accept the proposal contingent upon approval of the Initiative Foundation grant application. Etzler, Klamm, Kolling and Rice voted yes. None voted no. Carried.

Commissioner Mary Klamm presented an update on the Staples, Motley Strategic Plan and Re-Start Initiative.

Radermacher shared an update regarding the potential Roach Properties Townhome Development, if all negotiations go smoothly they would like to break ground in the Fall of 2016.

Radermacher shared that there is renewed interest by a hotel developer. They will be visiting on Feb. 23 to tour the community and visit with businesses and community members.

Radermacher shared an update regarding the Thriving Communities Initiative, the first Core Team meeting will be held in February 16th 2016 at NJPA.

Radermacher shared that the Lunch and Learn, Business Transitions that the SEDA helped sponsor the lunch was successful, with approximately 24 in attendance for the presentation. The intent is to offer Lunch and Learn programs four times throughout the year.

Radermacher shared an update regarding the Greater Staples ‘Destination Location’ Initiative, the first meeting was held on January 20th with an intent to meet quarterly. Topics discussed included current projects, what it means to be a ‘Destination Location’, what do our businesses need to be successful and identified opportunities to increase our communities vitality.

Radermacher updated the Board on several other projects/programs that are in the works, including Safe Routes to School planning and implementation possibilities, Trails board updates and the Chamber Dinner.

A motion was made by Kolling and seconded by Klamm to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Etzler, Klamm, Kolling and Rice voted yes. Meeting Adjourned.

Melissa Radermacher, Secretary