

Assistant Manager's Monthly Report January/ February 2017

Economic Development

- The Development Authority met on January 16th. It was our reorganization meeting. H. E. Black was reappointed to another five-year term on the Development Authority. Max Stoner was once again selected as Chairman, Peddrick Young remained the Vice-Chairman, Sal Marone remained the Treasurer and John Eby continues to be the Secretary.
- The Development Authority met on February 21st. John Eby was selected to represent the Development Authority in a focus group meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. The Board provided positive feedback in support of staff's recommendation to allow for indoor growing operations in the Township within the C-2, C-3, I-1, and I-3 zoning districts. The Board sees potential for redevelopment of some of the Township's older and vacant warehousing facilities.
- The Cumberland County Area Economic Development Corporation announced the opening of its Tourism Grant application at a banquet on January 17th. The information was passed on PREIT in hopes that the mall can receive some funding to support its attraction of new tenants.

Special Projects

- Comprehensive Plan-
The Comprehensive Planning process kicked-off on February 15th with the first meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) which consists of 11 residents who live in various neighborhoods throughout the Township. They are of varying ages, backgrounds, and incomes to try to incorporate many different view-points.

The first hour of the meeting consisted of introductions and provided background information on the Comprehensive Planning process, and expectations of the CAC. During the second hour the CAC participated in activities which helped define the Township's "Treasures", "Challenges", and their "Vision" for the 10 years.
- Fun Fort-
 - On February 22nd Century Engineering attended the Recreation and Parks Board Meeting to discuss the survey results on the Fun Fort and potential concepts for the renovation. Century used a lot of the feedback from the surveys to guide the development of their concepts. The Recreation and Parks Board commented that all the concepts would work for renovation, but they particularly like the improved circulation and ADA accessibility of concept 2. They also like the two separate age areas in concept 2, but they were all very impressed with the bridge idea in concept 1. Century is going to draft a new concept that combines those ideas, and start to work on the Site Plan. That plan will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on March 13th.