

Assistant Manager's Monthly Report

August 2017

- Returned from maternity leave on August 21st.

Economic Development

Staff met with Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation on August 23rd to discuss increasing tourism in Lower Allen and grant opportunities to aid with tourism development. Ideas discussed included adding spots on the Cumberland County Brewery Trail map, increasing youth sport opportunities and further capturing that market, increasing access points to Yellow Breeches, and improving signage.

The last Development Authority meeting was held in April. No items requiring action were on the agenda therefore the following update was provided by email instead:

At The Mall

- Dick's Sporting Goods at the Mall is nearing completion and should be opening near the end of this month.
- Dave and Buster's will be opening in the mall sometime next year. Work on the bump out has begun. Construction will cease around the holidays, and with the start of 2018 Old Navy will move out, and construction of D&B will resume.
- A Premium Wine and Spirits store will also be moving into the mall near the Dick's Sporting Goods.
- Work has also begun on the Sears appliance store which will also be located in the former Sears space.
- No word yet on the other two potential tenants for the old Sears space.

Other Commercial Developments

- Tatiana's, a restaurant on Gettysburg Road, near Café Magnolia, is completing site work and is expected to be opening soon.
- Spirit Halloween will once again occupy the old Border's Book space for the season.
- Starbucks' land development plan has gone before planning commission. There are a few comments about site access and parking that may need to be addressed. It will be built in the Cedar Cliff Mall Plaza, replacing the Crown Trophy and Dentist building with the green roof.
- PA American Water has applied for its demolition permits.

Residential Development

- Community Development is awaiting permits for Arcona to begin the construction process for the apartments in phase 2 and we hope to see concept plans for the downtown core soon.
- Locust Street Homes plan has gone before Planning Commission and they have reviewed the variances that the Zoning Hearing Board granted several months ago.

Ordinances

- The Board of Commissioners approved the Indoor Growing Ordinance which now permits indoor growing of plants to occur in the C-2, C-3, I-1, and 1-3 zoning districts.

Special Projects

- Comprehensive Plan

Staff met with our consultants, Michael Baker International on August 24th to refine top five issues from the survey and meeting responses.

Michael Baker will present to the Planning Commission on October 17th and the Board of Commissioners on October 9th.

The next Citizen Advisory meeting will be held on September 20th.

- Fun Fort

Century Engineering has completed the construction drawings and bid documents. Staff and the Recreation and Parks Board will review them and provide comments.

Staff is waiting to see if the project is awarded a grant for half the construction cost. Awardees should be notified in late October.