The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

ROLL CALL:
Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan, Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., John Kapecki, Wojciech Dziechciowski, and Fran Mills. Joseph Davern Jr. enters 7:07PM. Mariola Zygmunt enters 7:10PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.
MOTION: Orley Betcher Jr. Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.
SECOND: Fran Mills
VOTE: Orley Betcher Jr., John Kapecki, Wojciech Dziechciowski, Fran Mills, Joseph Davern Jr., Mariola Zygmunt. All ayes. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
Chairman Matthew Zarebczan introduced Mr. Ed Sitar from ComEd. Mr. Sitar presented the proper practice of Business Retention and Expansion and how to conduct professional business visits. He introduced the synchronist surveys and explained the importance of data collection over time within a community.

The synchronist surveys are used to cover manufacturing, industrial, commercial, and retail businesses. Synchronist is a web based program that assists with creating a summary report of the various data that is collected over a specified time. There are three types of survey forms; Background, On-Site, and Post Visit.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:
The Business Appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 5PM-7PM. As of now there are 48 business members attending. We will see who is interested in the Flower Pot Program idea with a quick survey that will be distributed at the dinner.
The first Building Justice Together Program certificate and decal was given to the Just Us Sports Bar & Grill for building renovations.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Business Retention & Expansion- Business Visits
None to Report at this time

OLD BUSINESS:
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:
Chairman Matthew Zarebczan explained that School District 109 is looking for a theme for 2015-2016 village vehicle stickers. He asked the Economic Planning Board to email any ideas to Coordinator Brittany Abrams by the morning of Friday, January 16, 2015. Chairman Matthew Zarebczan also presented a community newspaper article that recognized the new business, Sal’s Famous Cheesesteak, located in the Village of Justice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Mayor Kris Wasowicz advised that there has been some recent interest by developers of current vacant property within the Village. Mayor Wasowicz also advised that the I-294 ramp construction project is well on its way and that the Phase I feasibility study should be started soon.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.
MOTION: Orley O. Betcher Jr.
SECOND: Joseph Davern Jr.
VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Abrams
Economic Development Coordinator