**Bloomingdale Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 10/19/2016

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** 3rd Floor Conference Room, Borough Municipal Building

**Present:**

* John Graziano
* Suzanne Osborne
* Matt Zaccone
* Jenn Ellis
* Paul Laman
* Mayor Dunleavy

**Absent with Notice:**

* Elisa Kolenut

**Absent without Notice:**

**Meeting Discussion:**

* Discussed Vision plan with the Mayor. Mayor and Council have been meeting with developers which had worked on New Jersey towns which are similar to our Borough. The developers will work on a plan for downtown improvements and will provide their plans and requirements (variances, etc.,). Discussed background of Tilcon and Meer track. EDC input will be solicited when the developers submit their plans.
* Discussed transportation alternatives to continue pavers and street lamps to the Riverdale Bridge. Part of this plan will include pedestrian safety and “street scaping”.
* Discussed EDC reaching out to business owners to develop relationships with them and start to receive their feedback on community events which partner with local businesses. Idea to solicit businesses to add to the welcome pack for residents which will include coupons and advertisements. EDC members will reach out to the business for their support.
* Discussed the idea for a business page on the Borough website that offers free advertising.
* EDC to begin a Facebook page or make EDC member an administrator on the Borough’s page for posting and promotion of local business.
* Discussed presentation to the Planning Board set for Thursday the 20th.
* Discussed creating a database of the business owners and building owners.
* Decided to table the holiday lights idea until next year. When Sloan Park is open, it will open up more possibilities.
* Will add Concert in the park to the next agenda to not lose sight. This will come to fruition when Sloan Park is open.

**Action Items for Next Meeting:**

* Jenn to reach out to Councilmen Dellaripa to determine next steps for allowing advertising on Business link to Borough web page.
* The Mayor to provide a welcome packet sample for the EDC.