

# Bloomington Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 2/26/2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Zoom/Council Chambers

## **Present:**

- John Graziano
- Jenniffer Hagin
- Michele Reynolds
- Jessy Redondo
- Julia Simpson
- Casey Morgan
- Nadia Hussain
- Leanne Scaturro

## **Absent:**

- Kate Mucci
- Alex Delannoy
- Marisa French

## **Guest:**

- Giancarlo Di Lonardo

## **Meeting Discussion:**

- Guest Speaker
  - Giancarlo Di Lonardo, Director of the Passaic County Division of Economic Development came to monthly meeting to discuss the opportunities and benefits available to small businesses in Passaic County through county programming.
  - Giancarlo confirmed that currently county EDC funds/grant are being used to improve the senior center and, in the past, allowed for the installation of a pergola at the senior center as well.
  - SeePassaicCounty.Org will allow Bloomington EDC to promote events/activations in our town to the county at large. This is also shared via the county social media pages as well
  - Passaic County Restaurant Week is May 11-17<sup>th</sup>, 2026
    - Bloomington EDC would like to see more Bloomington restaurants participating, as this is a countywide promoted event.
    - There was zero participation from Bloomington businesses in 2025
  - There are also small businesses resources available to business owners in the county such as: Business assistance, Business Resources and Grants & Incentives

- William Paterson University’s marketing students can also help businesses come up with marketing solutions for their business. This is also a free resource available.
    - Passaic County EDC will hold “office hours” in Bloomingdale on 8/20 at Borough Hall from 12pm-4pm.
      - Business owners will be able to come and speak to representatives about their business needs.
- EDC discussed the Bites of Bloomingdale initiative with Giancarlo, as a way to promote the restaurants in town to residents and beyond.
- Ribbon Cuttings/New Business
  - Knitty Kitty Yarn Shop & Cat Lounge
    - Wards Plaza
    - Coming Soon
  - The Bumble Bee Café
    - Wards Plaza
    - Coming Soon
  - Robbie’s Comics & Cards
    - Wards Plaza
    - Currently Open
    - Ribbon Cutting on 3/28 at 11am
  - Easy to Frame
    - Wards Plaza
    - Currently Open
    - Ribbon Cutting?
  - Golden Home Renovations
    - Main Street (Next to Car Wash) –
    - Currently Open
    - They are not yet ready for a ribbon cutting