

EASTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
July 15, 2009

Roll Call

The monthly meeting of the Easton Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in the 5th Floor Council Chambers, One South Third Street, Easton, PA. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Richard McAteer. Members present: Mr. McAteer, Mr. Bertsch and Ms. Lauritzen. Staff present: Ms. Woolverton. Solicitor Dan Cohen was also present.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to accept the special meeting minutes of July 2, 2009 was made by Ms. Lauritzen and seconded by Mr. Bertsch, approved by all.

New Business

Contract For Waste removal at the Silk Mill. Mr. McAteer explained a Request for Qualifications for abatement and disposal of asbestos, containerized wastes, and universal wastes from the former silk mill at 671 N. 13th Street in Easton, PA had been released on March 12, 2009. Eighteen responses were received and a short-list of the firms was requested to respond to a Request for proposals on June 9, 2009. Responses were due on July 2, 2009 and a review team is in the process of selecting the firm best qualified to perform the work. A resolution was provided allowing the Chairman or appropriate designee to act on behalf the Board to enter into contract with the firm staff finds most appropriate to perform the scope of work. Mr. Helmer of Taggart Associates, Project Manager for the Bushkill Creek Corridor project was present to answer questions. Mr. McAteer asked if the cleanup was being funded through a grant. Mr. Helmer replied it was a combination of funding sources including an EPA Cleanup grant and funding through Northampton County. Mr. McAteer said it was exciting to see such a big step moving forward in the development of the site. A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Ms. Lauritzen, approved by all.

Report and action of the Solicitor. Mr. Cohen said he recommends entering into a contract to retain Attorney Chris Troxler to try to collect the settlement from Leonard Mermelstein. A motion to approve retaining Chris Troxler was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Ms. Lauritzen, approved by all.

Approval of Bills. Copies of the bills for June, 2009 were distributed to the Board. A motion to approve payment of the bills was made by Ms. Lauritzen and seconded by Mr. Bertsch, approved by all.

Monthly Reports from the Executive Director and staff. Ms. Lippincott was not present at the meeting but had provided an Executive Director's report for the month of June.

Silk Mill presentation by Jim Whilden of Spillman Farmer Architects. Mr. Jim Whilden of Spillman Farmer Architects made a presentation on the Silk Mill. He said the site has wonderful potential and explained the two types of buildings on the site and what their various future purposes might be. He offered insight into some possible driveway and traffic options through the site. He said visual presentations for the site had just begun, and historic assessment would begin at the end of August.

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

ATTEST:

BY:

Nancy Moser-Collins
Secretary
DATE:

Richard McAteer
Chair
SEAL: