

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE



Greenville, Pa
COMMUNITY VISION TASK FORCE

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 10TH, 2018 | 4:00PM | FRESH GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE**

PRESENT: Ben Beck, David Reeves, Caleb Stright, Joe Wilson, Scott Graubard
ABSENT: Marty Johnson, Ryan Davis

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Discussion Around Previous Plan

Joe started the meeting by pointing out the huge changes in our town, the global economy and the national economic situation since the previous plan was written.

Caleb noted that the previous plan mentioned upgrades to the water and sewer capacities many times. These no longer seem to be as much of a risk or threat to economic development today because of where those facilities currently stand and their current operations.

Both Thiel and UPMC, the largest employers in the Borough, are “at risk”. Scott believes that Borough needs to do more to keep these two organizations vibrant in the community. He also believes that the Borough is responsible for the population decline, which has driven many UPMC services to other locations.

There was brief discussion about identifying how our community can make itself attractive to more diverse industries.

Scott added that an aging population may not be a bad thing and that there is room for growth in transportation services and other economic opportunities in enhancing life for seniors.

There was discussion on better marketing the low cost of housing and living. The blighted housing in Greenville will have an impact on economic development. There was brief discussion on properties for redevelopment.

There was some discussion on the need for better cooperation between the Greenville Borough and Hempfield Township.

Scott added that we will need to request special allowances from the State in order to try new things that we may be currently prohibited from doing because of limitations set by the State.

Scott also added that there are more creative ways to use CDBG money and pointed to Carlisle, PA as an example.

Meeting continued, but Ben left, so this is the extent of his notes.