

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Mr. Hutchison was late, Ms. Grace, and Mrs. Stubbs were absent.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road asked who identifies stakeholders in a redevelopment area. Mr. Mercado stated the planner or consulting planner. Mr. Lechner stated owners would be identified statutorily through the Planning Board. Ms. Coyne asked how a property receives an Economic Development Opportunity designation. Mr. Mercado explained it is a marketing effort for township owned properties and not a formal designation.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court stated he attended meetings of the Economic Development Committee years ago and was denied attendance this year. Mr. Carlamere explained the Economic Development Committee is a private corporation, not a government entity, that utilizes space in the municipal building to hold their meetings. Mr. Heinbaugh expressed his beliefs that this entity should be subject to open public meetings. Mr. Carlamere clarified.

Denise Coyne of Chews Landing Road expressed her confusion with the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Carlamere and Mr. Lechner clarified.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

1. **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY RENTAL** – Chief Harkins presented a proposed ordinance that would prevent residential homeowners within the township to host parties for profit at their homes in residential neighborhoods. The police department tries to be proactive and approach the homeowners before the parties take place, but many times they are ignored. Neighbors complain and Public Works has to clean the streets the day after due to trash. Current penalties are negligible, but individuals are charged. Chief Harkins stressed the police department are not trying to stop family parties, but rather stop people from renting their homes out for parties. Mr. Mercado asked if all short term rentals are being lumped together or if for profit parties are separated from pool rentals. Chief Harkins stated this would have to be defined in the ordinance.
2. **DISCUSSION OF AMENDING BLACKWOOD WEST REDEVELOPMENT ZONE** – Mr. Cardis presented an amendment to the redevelopment area to allow an HVAC business at a blighted property.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Winters stated there is a meeting this Thursday for Blackwood Lake Advisory Committee.