

Minutes for ECGRA Meeting December 1, 2008

The December 1, 2008 meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was brought to order at 12:02 p.m. in Room 116 of the Erie County Courthouse by Chairman Joseph Giles. Members Kathy DeSanti, Jennifer Dobbs-Woods, and David Sample were present; absent were Mr. Mikovich, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Bruno and Mr. Kujawa. Also present were County Clerk Douglas Smith, and Authority Solicitor Thomas Talarico.

This was another work session prepping the Authority Members to make decisions on applications for 2007 funds. Discussion began as to how a project may show it addresses an issue that has arisen due to the impact of Presque Isle Downs. Further, it was discussed how narrow or broad that connection to the casino must be for the project to be acceptable. It was decided that the criteria developed during the next few meetings would assist in the process to vet the applications. Mr. Smith presented documents for possible use in creating these criteria. Those documents included the gaming funds application from Luzerne County, a draft document from the Lead Economic Team of the Regional Chamber and the Keystone principles which emanate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Discussion turned to packets to be emailed to Members for use in December work sessions. Mr. Giles asked that the packets include project narratives as well as some of documents presented by Mr. Smith. It was also decided that the projects needed to receive numbers that would be permanent in nature so that it would be clear which project was being discussed at a given time. Also included in the packet was the most recent letter from the Summit Township Economic Industrial Development Authority which detailed all of the Summit related projects.

Mrs. DiSanti stated that a time frame should be set for Authority Members to submit questions to those who submit projects for consideration.

A meeting was set for December 10th at 3 p.m.

Submitted By: Douglas Smith