

TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 28, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps, Inc.
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores
Bill McMullen, McMullen's Tavern
Ha Young Park, MSCP, Inc
Paul and Regina Mahoney, Outback Choppers
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management
Betty Ann Eberling, Take a Break
Mike Santoiani, Tuxedo Park Affiliates Realty
Diane Petrosky, Tuxedo Union Free School District
Jean Marie and Robert Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars

Others Present: Glenn Godsey Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center
Jeff Mahran, Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center

Call to Order:

Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:12PM on Wednesday, February 28th, 2007 at the Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Spotlight on Business:

Glenn Godsey, Owner/Partner of the Tuxedo Ridge Ski Center, introduced himself as the principal of Novenogan Development, and welcomed Chamber members to the Ski Center. He spoke to the members about their future plans for the Center which included the possibility of a Hotel & Conference Center and indoor water park. He also informed us that that the Renaissance Festival has a 17 year lease remaining. Mr. Godsey entertained questions and ideas from the members, and introduced Jeff Mahran, who is the General Manager.

2007 Golf Outing:

At the last meeting, there was a discussion regarding whether to continue the golf outing for 2007 and members voted to go ahead with the plans. It will most likely be on a Monday, September 10th. A meeting is scheduled to take place with the Tuxedo Club and Greg Stevens to discuss specifics on the outing.

2007 Decorative Banner Project:

Dale posed the question of doing banners again for this year. She informed us that there were 6 banners in both the downtown and Southfields areas. The members discussed continuing usage of the Farmers' Market banners since the Chamber is no longer sponsoring the Market. The consensus was that the banners are not effective in attracting attention to the business areas because there are too few of them installed, and that the Chamber should repeat its request to increase the number to be displayed when presenting the request to the Town Board to permit the banners to be displayed during 2007. A decision on how to proceed with the project would depend on the outcome of that request.

2007 Membership Directory/Community Guide:

An agreement was made at the Board of Directors meeting that it would be a good idea for a directory and have it expand beyond a list of just businesses. Various ideas were presented by Chamber members. The overall consensus from the members was that it would be beneficial to create a printed version of such a guide. It was also agreed that the directories would be available at various locations around Tuxedo, and at Chamber events, rather than bear the expense of mailing it to residents.

Business News:

Jerry Mottola attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 27th. He reported that a request for a special use permit for a dog kennel in Arden was on the agenda of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The kennel's owners want 40 kennels and a training facility. They received the approvals to go ahead at the ZBA's February meeting.

He also reported that Mr. Lattini, who has contracted to buy the Duck Cedar Inn, is being required to complete a SEQR process. The ZBA is asking Mr. Lattini to produce information to support his contention of financial hardship, which is needed to be granted a use variance. Mr. Lattini's plans provide for seven commercial spaces that would be available for rent.

Dale announced that Tuxedo Reserve has found water and the preliminary plans for Phase I is in front of the Planning Board. They now need a response from the Town Engineer.

Mike Santoiani had a meeting with Senator Morahan to seek ideas for new methods of funding education instead of the current method of school taxes and equalization aid. Senator Morahan is also planning on introducing legislation that would base State aid on the residency of the students rather than the district where the students attend school.

Adjournment: 8:45PM