

TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Town Hall Community Room

September 28, 2005

MINUTES

**In Attendance:**

Members:

Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group  
Scott Lesko, Augusta Properties, Inc  
Greg Stevens, Gregory G. Stevens, Inc.  
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/U.S.P.S.  
Bill McMullen, McMullen's Tavern  
Hao Li Ee/Craig Newell, Path Computer Systems  
Joy Tanzman/Lee Brentnall, Prudential Rand Realty  
Sam Leghorn, Sam's Lawn Service  
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels  
Jim Gell, Sterling Forest State Park  
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management  
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties  
Jim Burger, Tuxedo Park School  
Andy Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars

Others Present:

Gina Marie Miele, Recording Secretary  
Abe Rosenberg

Scott Lesko, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:39 PM on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

The Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved with 10 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

Mr. Stevens reported there are currently 46 paid Chamber Members.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STERLING FOREST FAMILY FUN CENTER**

**PLAN:** Mr. Abe Rosenberg was introduced by Mr. Lee Brentnall of Prudential Realty. It was explained that the Sterling Forest Ski Center was put on the market one month ago, and Mr. Rosenberg is proposing a "year round family fun resort" on the property. Along with his associates, Mr. Rosenberg would like to purchase the property (which includes the entire tract excluding the Renaissance property) for recreation purposes, and is asking for support from the Chamber. Due to off-site management and other factors, the Ski Center has operated at a loss for the last several years. It is believed that the property is currently zoned under a Special Permit for a recreation property. The ideas for future attractions were discussed, which included: skiing, snow tubing, skating, snowboard terrain park, sleigh rides, igloo building, water flume, paddle boats, petting zoo, swimming, gravity go-carts (alpine slide), paintball, mini-golf, bumper cars, and tree-top walk.

It was expressed that this would bring back old-fashioned family fun and tourism that the old Sterling Forest Gardens use to provide. Mr. Rosenberg previously presented his plan to the Tuxedo TAC board, and will present to the Planning board on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** The next Tuxedo Family Fun Day is scheduled for October 1, 2005, from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The final plans for activities and arrival time for set-up were discussed.

**SURVEY PRESENTATION / MEET THE CANDIDATES:** Mr. Lesko opened with the suggestion that an official response by the Chamber be formulated. Discussion ensued. It was decided that at the October presentation to the community, any candidates in attendance should be asked the following questions:

1. When you think about your vision for the Tuxedo over the next decade, what are your top five priorities in order of importance?
2. Do you plan to take any action toward implementing the approved Hamlet Revitalization Plan? If so, what are your top 3 priorities?
3. What are your plans for utilizing the funds coming from Tuxedo Reserve (both the \$2 million grant pool and the \$4 million loan fund)?
4. How do you think the funds to be administered by the LDC can be leveraged to their maximum potential?
5. Do you see an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to participate as a member of the LDC?
6. How do you plan to use the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce as a resource when making decisions that impact the business community?

**UPDATE ON POST OFFICE:** Mr. Lesko advised that there were many letters sent by the Chamber regarding the concern about the reduction in services at the Tuxedo Post Office. The official response is that there “will be no change in the level of service – that it is merely an operational change” as opposed to a facility change. With only one Postmaster and two postal clerks remaining in Tuxedo, it was agreed that the services would definitely be affected.

**2006 BOARD NOMINATIONS:** Mr. Lesko asked that a committee be formed to conduct the 2006 elections for Chamber officers, and that someone volunteer to chair the committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.