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BOSS FORWARD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee President Laura Mursch at 7:03 PM in Sinking Spring Borough Council Chambers, 3940 Penn Avenue.

Present

Laura Mursch (President-Berks County Planning Commission)
Brian Hoffa (Vice President-Council Econ Dev)
Lisa Gantner (Treasurer-SSB Recreation)
Robert Metzger (Member-SSB Econ Dev)
Mike Hart (Member-Borough Manager)
Gabriel Hirsch (BOSS Coordinator)

Absent

Jaime Perez (Member-Berks County Redevelopment Authority)

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 21st, 2026, by Brian Hoffa. Second by Lisa Gantner.** Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Lisa Gantner: No changes to report. The balance remains at **\$1804.53**.

Old Business

GiveButter Freight House Donation Campaign: Advertising

- Gabriel Hirsch: So far there have been no contributions. However, open house event may be a good starting point to "kick off" the campaign. Following the official open house event, we will begin more frequent advertising of the Freight House rentals and the donation campaign.

New Business

May Main Street Leadership Meeting Summary

- Gabriel Hirsch: The main street leaders meeting occurred on Monday, May 18th, attendees included BCPC staff, Kutztown U. SBDC's new Director, and representatives from Downtown Reading, West Reading, Kutztown, and Boyertown. The following points are what might be considered relevant to the committee:

- Kutztown: Business networking meetings continue despite slower early turnout; actively looking for more SBDC partnership.
- Berks County Planning Commission: County Comp Plan is underway (ETA 1.5-2 years to completion). The corridor build-out analysis is in progress—look out for updates and the final release of this data set.
- GRCA: Offered to attend municipal meetings to help communicate the value of Main Street work.

May & June Grant Updates

- Gabriel Hirsch: Regarding the DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) application for the NFC Fitness Court Studio at Heritage Park, I am actively working with an assigned DCED grant analyst to strengthen the submitted application, addressing outstanding documentation requests and refining the project budget.
- A progress update was also provided on the DCNR Community Conservation and Planning Program (C2P2) Development grant application for the same project.
- I also recently applied for the Gilmore Henne Community Fund through the Berks County Community Foundation, which targets funding for the basketball court renovation project at Heritage Park.
- Fundraising efforts for the basketball court renovation are ongoing and I will continue to identify and pursue additional grant opportunities to support this effort.

Announcements

Union Pacific “Big Boy” No. 4014—Comes Through Sinking Spring

- Gabriel Hirsch: The Union Pacific “Big Boy” No. 14 steam locomotive is scheduled to pass through Sinking Spring Borough (East to West) on Tuesday, July 7th. Large crowds and traffic delays are expected—more updates will follow as we get closer to the event.
 - Reference: [Big Boy No. 4014’s Schedule | Union Pacific](#) | [Steam Locomotive Tracking | Union Pacific](#)

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 by Brian Hoffa. Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday August 18th, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Borough Council Chambers