



BerksIDA Minutes

May 12, 2025

The May 12, 2025 meeting of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority was held off-site and called to order at 8:33 am by Chairman, Eric Jenkins.

Members Present: Eric Jenkins
Kirsten S. Deysher
Robert F. Firely
Terri Lampe-Melcher

Others Present: Daniel Becker, Esquire, Solicitor
Diane L. Bujnovsky, Financial Coordinator
Jeremy R. Zaborowski, Executive Director
Pam Menet (via Zoom)
Jim Boscov, Chairman & CEO(Boscov's), Guest Speaker
Scott Gruber, Executive Director of Economic Development
(Our City of Reading), Guest Speaker

Members Absent: Andrew Roland

No Public Comments were expressed.

Guest Speaker Jim Boscov, Chairman and CEO, Boscov's and Scott Gruber, Executive Director of Economic Development, Our City Reading presented "Enhancing The Future Of Reading", by showing the progress of the Helping Harvest Annex Project and the impact it has on the people of Reading. They also discussed the Santander Building/450 Penn Street Update.

A motion to approve the minutes for the April 14, 2025 Board meeting was made by Ms. Deysher, seconded by Ms. Lampe-Melcher and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve April Income and Expense reports, the Financial Statements, and the Budget Reports was made by Mr. Firely, seconded by Ms. Deysher and passed unanimously.

A motion to pass Resolution 02-25 to select Finanta for Escrow services related to the Glidden Acquisition was made by Ms. Deysher, seconded by Ms. Lampe-Melcher and passed unanimously.

A motion to authorize Executive Director, along with collaboration with Dan Becker

to retain Jeff Williams of Colliers for a 12-month period to serve as broker of record for Berks Park 183 was made by Ms. Lampe-Melcher, seconded by Ms. Deysher and passed unanimously.

A motion to authorize \$250 sponsorship of RBAR CIC event at Glidden, followed by Baseballtown was made by Ms. Deysher, seconded by Mr. Firely and passed unanimously.

The Executive Director's updates included a Board Retreat Discussion, bringing up when to have it, where to have it and who to invite this year. The board discussed it and it was tentatively decided to hold the Retreat on Monday, September 8th (the date of the regular September meeting).

Mr. Zaborowski noted the City of Reading Council (COW) asked him to present on the IDA as it relates to the City, at their May 19, 2025 meeting. Ms. Deysher plans to attend to demonstrate board support.

There being no items for an Executive Session or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director