Call to Order
Chairman Steck called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm

Members Included
Matt Steck, Kelly Fedeli, Karen Smeltz and Paul Navarro (via telephone)

Also present were: George Connor, Executive Director; Bob Wesoloskie, Deputy Director; Scott Mehok, Solicitor; Brooke Echevarria and Autumn Gruzlewski

Absent: Andy Johnson

Public Participation
Brad Jones, Harristown Development

Acceptance of Minutes
A motion was made to approve and accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting as presented.

Motion: Ms. Smeltz
Second: Ms. Fedeli

Motion passed: 4-0, 1 absent

Acceptance of Financials
A motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented for February 2017.

Motion: Ms. Fedeli
Second: Ms. Smeltz

Motion passed: 4-0, 1 absent

Solicitors Report & Action Items
Nothing to report at this time.
New Business  
Mr. Jones came forward to talk about the Blackberry Centre Project in Harristown Development. Mr. Jones would like assistance to put together a plan for a long-time vacant property in the city. The plan would involve acquiring the property, demolishing it and then looking into future development with another near-by property. Additional funding would be requested in addition to the IDA. Mr. Connor explained to the Board that Mr. Jones will be completing and submitting an application for the funding. Ultimately, the goal is to create a six-story building once demolition is complete. A cooperation agreement is currently in place to match the other local property previously mentioned.

A motion was made to authorize the officers of the IDA to work with Harristown in developing an application to submit in front of the board.

Motion:  Ms. Smeltz  
Second:  Mr. Navarro  

Motion passed:  4 - 0, 1 absent

Old Business

Solar Project:  No update.

Gaming Update:  Award letters, as well as denial letters are being prepared and will be mailed in the near future. Approximately 45 awards were given.

Veteran’s Building:  The prothonotary’s office successfully moved in and will be located on the 7th floor for approximately three months. Register of Wills office is back in the courthouse and fully operating again. A security guard was placed in the hallway of the 7th floor with no issues.

DCIB:  Londonderry Township, Derry Township, and Lower Swatara have placed their applications and are continuing to meet and move forward with projects.

MDJ Lindsey Update
The MDJ Lindsey project is successfully moving along. Meetings are conducted at the project site weekly. The building has been put constructed. Mr. Connor met with citizens of the neighborhood to discuss any issues that they may have. The meeting went well. There were approximately 15 citizens. Requests were made for lighting and fencing. No major issues. There will not be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Connor is hoping the snow storm does not delay the opening. The project should be completed in mid to late June. Mr. Connor mentioned that starting June 1, 2017, Labor and Industry will be increasing the hourly rate for contractors. This increase was not projected at the time the contract was written, and if this increase occurs for these particular contractors, it will increase the funding needed. Mr. Steck suggested to reach out to the
Department of Labor and Industry to see if this increase will apply to this project. This topic is to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Correspondence/
Miscellaneous Items

The Board was informed that the Director Activity Reports for January and February were included in the packet.

Board Comments

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Motion: Ms. Smeltz
Second: Ms. Fedeli

Motion passed 4 - 0, 1 absent