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New Manufacturing Startup Creotek LLC Locates to MVRBC

In December, a long-time business tenant at the Moshannon Valley Regional Business Center, Organic Climbing, left the building for their new manufacturing facility located on Lot #5 in the Business Park. The MVEDP immediately began to market the available building space to other businesses.

The board of directors and staff of the MVEDP are pleased to report that Creotek LLC has signed a lease

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Executive Director Message



One accomplishment that the MVEDP wants as much as anything is the successful development of the former Philipsburg Area Hospital site. This site is now our Philipsburg Area Commerce Park and the MVEDP has owned the site for almost two years. Two prospects considered the site in 2017 and another two in 2018.

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MVEDP FY 2018 Highlights

Organic Climbing/Ridge and Valley Holdings

- purchased Lot #5 in the Regional Business Park; moved from our MVRBC
- constructed a new 18,000 sf. manufacturing facility on Lot #5
- MVEDP secured a state PIDA loan of \$800,000 at 2% for their project

Konecranes

- moved their operations from State College to the MVEC
- undertook a \$60,000 renovation project, long-term benefit to MVEDP
- five (5) year lease with the MVEDP

PMG Pennsylvania Corp./formerly Sinterstahl GmbH

- purchased lots #12/#13 in the MVRBP
- \$189,700 paid for the land

Cutting Edge Machining Solutions

- secured a 2% state PIDA loan for CEMS to purchase a new CNC machine

PIDA Certification of MVEDP Centre County-Wide

- the MVEDP was approved and certified by the state DCED/PIDA office to administer the PIDA loan program throughout all of Centre County

Homeland Manufacturing, Inc.

- MVEDP secured a state PIDA loan of \$900,000 for Homeland Mfg. to construct a new manufacturing plant in the Benner Commerce Park

Advanced Powder Products

- MVEDP worked with officials of the P-O School District, Rush Township and Centre County to have Lot #10B re-designated a KOZ again in anticipation of APP's plan to construct a new 20,000 sf. manufacturing facility on site; the three taxing bodies have been dedicated economic development partners

New MVEDP marketing video released

- a new video put together to promote our region (see it at: www.mvedp.org)

Lease Renewals with MVEC and MVRBC businesses

MVEMS	Nittany Laser Technologies
EC Power	IWOM
TMMDData	

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MVEDP FY 2018 Highlights Continued from Page 2

Revolving Loan Fund Program

--approved a loan to MVEMS (loan #9) for the purchase of a new ambulance; MVEDP revised the RLF Work Plan

Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center

--state PIDA loan of \$77,500 secured for the concrete floor work needed at the MVEC; sewer line was re-lined and manhole replaced; asphalt repairs and asphalt replacement; continuous roof repairs; small grant secured from First Energy/Penelec for lighting enhancements

MVEDP – General

--excellent annual luncheon: 30 years (1988 – 2018); Dean McKnight
 --recognized P-O School District, Rush Twp. and Centre County government for their support of our KOZ proposals
 --was able to make up for the loss of housing rehab administration dollars with PIDA interest sharing money, consulting revenues, fees
 --activated its Site Selection Committee to find a site for future development
 --facilitated the P-O School district in setting up student visits to area manufacturers
 --worked with officials of the Central PA Workforce Dev. Corp., and the Centre County Planning Dept. on workforce data and analysis

Skills of Central PA, Inc. Finds New Home at the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center

The MVEDP is pleased to welcome Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. (Skills) as the newest business tenant of the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center. Skills had previously been located at a renovated facility on N. Centre Street but were driven out of that location by the terrible flooding that occurred there in 2018.

The space that Skills is now occupying within the Enterprise Center was previously the

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Site Selection Committee Reactivated

The MVEDP has reactivated its Site Selection Committee. The purpose of this committee is to locate a site within the greater Philipsburg region that would be conducive to development as a business park with lots available for purchase by businesses. Committee members currently include: Wanda Ryen, Steve Lynch, Dustin Minarchick, and Jim Pollock.

Over the years, the MVEDP has spent a good amount of time and effort searching for a good development site. Committee work was postponed when the opportunity arose for the MVEDP to secure the former

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FY 2019 MVEDP Program of Work

Land

- sell all or a portion of the land in the Philipsburg Area Commerce Park
- sell one of the three remaining lots in the Regional Business Park
- work closely with Joe Herrle of KBB Realty to identify businesses that need sites
- continue to work on the Site Selection Committee to find other sites

Financing

- work to package additional state PIDA loans throughout all of Centre County
- generate one or more loans through the MVEDP's RLF Program
- secure federal EDA approval of the recently revised RLF Work Plan
- assist in getting the Homeland Manufacturing Inc. state PIDA loan closed
- maintain the MVEDP's status as a CEDO with DCED/PIDA

Building Space

- work to close a lease deal with Clay Passarelli of Creotek, LLC at the MVRBC
- rent the available space that is available within the MVEC
- secure a USDA grant for the renovations at the MVEC
- complete the renovations that have been planned at the MVEC (concrete floor replacement, lighting)
- renovate the hallway and conference room at the MVRBC

Business Retention

- continue to be an active participant in the state PREP program; partner with the SBDC, Ben Franklin, Penn State, and SEDA-COG
- work with businesses like APP that are planning expansions

Downtown Revitalization

- determine the role of the MVEDP in the downtown development effort;
determine the appropriate amount of MVEDP funding for that effort

College/Career/Job Fair Event to be Held at MVEC

The MVEDP has been working with area officials on the planning of a College/Career/Job Fair event to be held at the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center. The details:

College/Career/Job Fair
Tuesday, February 26th
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center
200 Shady Lane

Snow date: Thursday, February 28th

The event is being hosted by the Central PA Institute of Science and Technology, PA Career Link, South Hills School, and the MVEDP. School students from the five area high schools have been invited. Employers looking for good workers will also have booths set up.

Fritz Smith of CPCVB Joins the MVEDP Board of Directors



Fritz Smith, Executive Director,
Central PA Convention & Visitors
Bureau of Centre County

Fritz Smith, the new executive director of the Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau of Centre County, has joined the MVEDP's board of directors. President of the Board Steve Lyncha appointed Fritz to the board.

Fritz comes to the job with a long background in tourism promotion and economic development. He served two stints working for the Commonwealth, serving in the Tourism, Film, and Economic Development Marketing Office from 1996-2002 at the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, and as Deputy Secretary of Administration from 2012-14. Most recently he worked in Philadelphia as Vice President of Research and Industry Relations at Visit Philadelphia. He also previously served in senior level positions at the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Delaware River Port Authority

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Philipsburg Area Hospital property from the Commonwealth of PA. Securing the former hospital site was a key goal of the MVEDP in 2016/17. When looking for a site, the key factors that must be considered by the Committee include: access to a busy public road, proximity to sewer and water infrastructure, topography and subsurface conditions.

Thank You!

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Skills of Central PA
The EADS Group
Vaughn Environmental Services, Inc.
Vaux Electronics

New Member

Organic Climbing
256 Enterprise Drive
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Josh Helke

Executive Director Message Continued from Page 1

On Tuesday, January 15th, the MVEDP’s board of directors considered a proposal submitted by two individuals that wanted to purchase the site and develop a small retail plaza along Lochlomond Road. The development would have included a donut shop, laundromat, car wash and office space rental. Securing the land sale proceeds would be very advantageous to the MVEDP but by a unanimous vote, the board voted NOT to accept this land development proposal. The key issue: a lack of employment opportunities. The MVEDP’s board of directors is passionate about the goal of having job opportunities generated at that site.



Philipsburg Area Commerce Park

We plan to continue to work with Joe Herrle of Kissinger Bigatel and Brower Realtors to find a business to buy and develop our Philipsburg Area Commerce Park. From day one, Joe has worked diligently to find prospects interested in a Philipsburg area location. We ask everyone to spread the word about this attractive 14.77 acre site. Thank you.

New Manufacturing Startup Continued from Page 1

to occupy the available space at the Regional Business Center. Creotek LLC is a small manufacturing company that is owned by Clay Passarelli who is originally from the Bald Eagle Valley region of Centre County.

Creotek, LLC designs, prototypes and manufactures medical devices and instrumentation. Surgeons use these devices and the instrumentation in the operating room to correct deformities, assist in wound care and are applicable in a multitude of other orthopedic surgical situations. State of the art computer numeric control (CNC) machines are now being set up in the MVRBC and the company should be making parts very soon.

Skills Continued from Page 3

home to South Hills Business School of Business & Technology and the DuBois Business School. TMMData also rents some of the space that was formerly South Hills and DBC. It was the cooperation of Bob Selfridge of TMMdata that made it possible for Skills to select the MVEC as their new home in the Moshannon Valley.

Skills is known primarily as a provider of multiple services for people with intellectual disabilities. Over the past several years, Skills has diversified their services to include Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Peer Support Services for people with mental health challenges. Skills’ most recent effort at diversification of services is the development of an outpatient drug and alcohol program in Cambria County. Core programs include developing residential options, vocational, rehabilitative or social opportunities and key is having those programs integrated within the communities they serve.

Save the Date!

The Partnership's 31st annual dinner/luncheon event will be held on **Friday, April 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Cen Clear office/meeting facility on Rt. 322 just west of Philipsburg near True Value.** Please mark your calendars!

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