

TO: Tom Czerniecki, Township Manager

FROM: Leah Furey Bruder, PP, AICP

CC: Mary Lou Bergh, Township Clerk
Nancy Jamanow, PE, PP, Director of Community Development

DATE: January 30, 2018

RE: Professional Planning Services for Downtown Vision and Redevelopment Plan

I have reviewed the proposals received in response to the RFP for Urban Design and Professional Planning services for the Downtown Vision and Redevelopment Plan. Proposals were received from Looney Ricks Kiss and CME Associates. My recommendation is that Looney Ricks Kiss (LRK Inc.), with Jim Constantine as the professional in charge, be appointed to this position.

Looney Ricks Kiss (LRK Inc.) has demonstrated an understanding of the scope of work, the preferred project approach, and the Township's goals and objectives for this project.

- LRK Inc., and Jim Constantine in particular, worked with the Township in 2009 on the 2020 Vision Plan that was developed with significant public input and subsequently adopted by the Planning Board.
- LRK has significant demonstrated experience in developing illustrations, models, design guidelines, and signage and parking plans for downtown areas.
- LRK's planning experience includes municipalities with characteristics Evesham would like to emulate.
- LRK proposes to hold Community Open House meetings that will allow participation by the greatest number of interested residents/property owners.
- LRK's experience and expertise are complementary to the Township's in-house planning resources
- LRK has expressed a commitment to completing the project within a 3 to 4 month time frame; which is adequate to allow for a thorough project, but compressed to take advantage of momentum.
- LRK provided a fee proposal that outlines the specific costs for specific project tasks.