Montco Commissioners Have ‘Working Lunch’ with Ambler Mayor and Local Business Owners; First in a Series of Small Business Networking Events Hosted by the County

Ambler, PA (August 21, 2015) – Montgomery County Commissioners Josh Shapiro and Valerie Arkoosh, along with Commerce Director Carolina DiGiorgio, dined with Ambler Mayor Jeanne Sorg and local business owners at a networking lunch yesterday at Bridget’s Steakhouse in Ambler. The lunch, sponsored by Kramer + Marks Architects, was the first in a series of networking lunch events for local businesses across the county.

“These networking lunches are an excellent opportunity for local business owners to learn about the resources available through our Commerce Department to help small business owners in Montgomery County,” said Commissioner Bruce, L. Castor, Jr.

Small business owners from the Ambler Flower Shop, the Ambler Theater, Clutch, Kramer + Marks Architects, Phillips & Associates Architects, LLC, and Xtra 101, were in attendance. They talked about their businesses and why they chose to set up shop in Ambler.

“Aside from the chance to learn about what the County can do for them, these business owners also had the invaluable opportunity to meet each other and foster relationships within their local business community,” said Commissioners’ Vice Chair Valerie Arkoosh. “It was a great networking event.”

“I really enjoyed the exchange and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to hear more about what businesses need in Ambler and for business owners to learn about the different ways we can help them,” said Commissioners’ Chair Josh Shapiro. “The Commissioners support local business and want to hear from local business owners about their concerns, comments, and suggestions.” As a result of the success of their first event, the Commissioners and Commerce Director will be touring the county hosting similar networking lunches for local business owners.
L-R: Josh Shapiro, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners; George Marks, Principal, Kramer + Marks Architects; Val Arkoosh, Vice Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners; Ambler Mayor Jeanne Sorg; Ned Moore, Co-Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Clutch; Barbara Asman of Xtra 101; Gene McGonagle, Ambler Flower Shop Owner; Peter Phillips, Principal, Phillips & Associates Architects, LLC; Chris Collier: Ambler Theater Associate Director; Carolina DiGiorgio, Director of Montgomery County Commerce Department