

Economic Development Committee Minutes

May 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the following members present: B. Blue, C. Hornung, B. Garlich, D. Dietrich, D. McDowell, D. Schill and Kim Breyley.

Also Present: D. Weir – Administrator

Agenda: No Additions or Deletions

Minutes of April 23, 2014: Approved as Presented. Moved by Hornung, seconded by McDowell. All yeas (7)

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the progress of the improvements at the Strip Plaza on W. High St. Mayor Garlich would like to see the project move ahead as quickly as possible. Weir mentioned that Brant Smith contacted him by email for a meeting to discuss the project and the sale of the car wash to the village. Mayor Garlich would like to meet with him this week or next to discuss. Discussion was held on removal of the power poles in front of the Strip Plaza, Weir met with John Hobby with Windstream and said that, Windstream will remove the pole directly in front of the Plaza and leave the overhead guy wires or they will remove all of the poles down beyond the Dollar Store and remove the overhead wires but will have to anchor the pole in front of the tavern and put brightly colored bollards in to protect it. Windstream is only interested in doing this if the Strip Plaza Project moves ahead. McDowell stated that he would like the pole in front of the tavern removed also. Decision was made to further pursue after we have determined that things are moving forward with the project.

Discussion was held regarding the Mini-Park Improvements. Weir still getting pricing from a contractor for the construction of the gazebo. Contacted the contractor who built the gazebo at Eagle Park and was told he was not interested and was sent to another contractor for pricing. Dietrich mentioned to the committee that whoever gets the project needs to have an Architects Stamp. Dietrich suggested calling another contractor for pricing; either Kenny Hoar or Merlin Wengard, he will provide phone numbers. The committee reviewed a proposal from Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. for the survey work and consolidation plats for the park. The cost is \$2,100.00. The committee's consensus was for Weir to move ahead with the survey and lot consolidation of the park parcels.

Mayor Garlich briefly updated the committee on various development projects in the Village and the progress on some that are underway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Garlich would like the committee to put together some priorities for the new Economic Development Director to get started on. Some of the top priorities discussed were Grants for the Mini-Park Improvements, Creation and Implementation of a Youth Jobs Program, Nurturing Leads on Empty Buildings and Follow-up on Leads for New Potential Businesses – resolving issues that stand in the way and mediate successful solutions.

There being no further business at this time, B. Blue moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm