

**Economic Development Committee Minutes**  
**September 24, 2015**

The Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mayor Ben Garlich, Mr. Dave McDowell, Mr. Dave Dietrich, Mr. Dick Schill, and Ms. Kim Breyley.

**Also Present:**

**Agenda:** Additions/Deletions:

**Minutes of August 27, 2015** were presented for approval. Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **DOWNTOWN POCKET PARK UPDATE:** Discussion regarding the fact that no bids were submitted. Possibly have Stephen Horvanscek to do a simple design and then move forward with the project. Discussion regarding what is needed for the construction of the gazebo. Perhaps talking to a landscaping company and see if they would be interested in designing a landscape. Ms. Breyley stated that Auburn might be interested through there horticultural classes. Mr. Weir suggested maybe send the RFP out again for bid.
2. **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:** Discussed possible businesses that have contacted the village looking for space. David Ford's project has been held up with the Army Corp of Engineers; still moving forward. Chem Technologies is pouring the footer for phase two of the project. Discussion regarding property maintenance issues. The Amish History Library will be moving at the end of the month to Cherokee Hard Woods on Shed Road. Discussion regarding the entrance signs and what needs to be done to dress the signage up. Might look at some shrubs or installing planters.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT** – Mr. John Oros, Director: Would like to discuss how the bike path can get paved. Mr. Oros stated that Mr. Curtin signed an agreement with Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District that this could not be paved unless the district went back to the EPA and GSWCD for a storm water management plan. Mr. Oros met with Ms. Shale of GSWCD to see if they will support the project. GSWCD is in favor of this project so the next step is to meet with the EPA and see what steps need to be taken. The park district is shooting for a proposed paving of the path in 2017. Mr. Oros discussed the grant options with Ms. Shale to look at impervious asphalt to lessen the storm water runoff. Looking at an estimation of \$600,000 without engineering. The proposed area is from Bridge Road north to 608.

Being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.