

**Economic Development Committee Minutes**  
**June 23, 2016**

The Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Dave McDowell, Mr. Dave Dietrich, and Mr. Dick Schill. Excused were Mayor Ben Garlich and Ms. Kim Breyley.

**Also Present:** Nick Giardina, Fiscal Officer, Leslie Gambosi-McCoy, Economic Development Director and Sam Morrow, Councilman.

**Agenda:** Additions/Deletions: Mr. Blue and Mr. Dietrich would like to add the pocket park to the agenda under old business.

**Minutes of May 26, 2016** were presented for approval. Mr. McDowell found a couple typo errors, Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Mr. McDowell seconded. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **VACANT PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS ORDINANCE:** Ms. McCoy state that the proposed legislation will be submitted to the Planning Commission at their next meeting for their input as well. Discussion was had regarding why it would only be drafted for residential as well as drafting additional legislation for commercial/industrial. Mr. McDowell would like to see the definition of vacant building unoccupied for more than 90 days be changed to 30 when dealing with building being unoccupied after owner's death and when having existing violations issued. Ms. McCoy stated that she would take comments to planning when they heard the legislation.
2. **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:** The committee discussed ongoing development projects throughout the Village.
3. **DOWNTOWN POCKET PARK:** Mr. Blue asked for further clarification regarding why the ODNR grant was decertified. Ms. McCoy stated that there are no funds budgeted for the project therefore the Village could not continue to hold on to the grant funds that were not going to be used. Mr. Giardina stated that the Village right now does not have the funds to remodel/build the park. Mr. Dietrich suggested that the committee look into getting donations like Newbury did with their park. Mr. Giardina said that would be a more feasible route to take for this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **SITE OHIO FEEDBACK:** Ms. McCoy provided the committee with feedback on industrial sites in the Village and what heavy manufacturing site selectors were looking for.

Being no further business at this time the meeting adjourned at 7:02p.m.