

## **Economic Development Committee Minutes July 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm with the following members present C. Hornung, B. Garlich, D. Dietrich, D. McDowell, D. Shill and Kim Breyley. Excused B. Blue

**Also Present:** L. Gambosi Economic Development Director

**Minutes of June 11, 2014:** Approved as Presented. Moved by Hornung, seconded by McDowell.

All yeas (6)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Committee discussed Village Entrance signs. L. Gambosi tried to get ahold of the Signtest however all contact numbers are disconnected; there are two companies that have been asked to come up with a quote and a starting design. Mayor and D. Dietrich stated that it is a good idea to include interchangeable parts so that the sign remains interesting and serves to notify the public of events, etc. The Committee discussed the Strip Center Improvements including the purchase of the car wash. The committee discussed downtown park improvements. D. Dietrich will invite architect to come to the August meeting. The Committee discussed the bike path and possible inclusion to the downtown project. The goal of the path is to get it paved to get the residents on the path to bike/walk/jog. General discussion was held regarding development projects and potential new projects.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

L. Gambosi stated the Nature Works Application is out and is due September 1, 2014. L. Gambosi will send to Council for the August meeting a resolution that is required for the application.

Motion made to allow L.Gambosi to make application for the Nature Works grant. Moved by Hornung, seconded by McDowell.

All yeas (6)

General discussion was held regarding June 2014 retail marketing in order to spur new development and also to fill current vacancies. L. Gambosi advised the committee that she has been meeting with the Geauga County of Development regarding ongoing projects as well as creating new projects. General discussion was held regarding the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program.

Motion to go into executive session.

Motion to come out of executive session.

Being no further business at the time, Mayor Garlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm