

Minutes

Economic Development Committee

May 11, 2015 at 6pm

Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order by the Chairman

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm Monday May 11, 2015

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll Call: Present: Steve Andry, Barb Cartwright, Barb Cray, Kevin Klute,
Clinton Sullivan, Terry Foust (6:30 arrival)

Absent: Ron Jacobs

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Official Business

A: Appointment of Steve Andry to Committee

1. Already approved by Board of Trustees
2. Is Senior Lending Officer at Port Byron State Bank

B: "Baby" Blues Fest

1. Will be July 3 in Gazebo downtown, with music by 4-5 different bands
2. Street will be closed and vendors present 6-11PM
3. Village has committed \$1500 for funding
 - a. Ideally would like to grow event enough to generate own revenue
4. Economic Development Comm will do marketing/advertising
 - a. Logo in works
 - b. Would like to sell items to raise funds, such as Koozies or hats
 - c. B Cray will check on costs of Koozies for next meeting

5) Administrative

A: Approval of meeting minutes from March – deferred until next month

6) Old business

A: Housing development (11th Street) Mike Ingleby

1. Much discussion ensued as to feasibility and issues with development of land
2. Land is 35 acres and in TIF district
3. M Ingleby would like to develop land for homes but has no line on developer
4. Estimates development cost at \$1million
 - a. Village committed to providing street, water, sewer
 - b. B Cartwright and S Andry will discuss and bring ideas and/or possible names to next meeting

B: Marketing materials update

1. Committee members are each to review info on current flyer
2. Each member will make suggestions for updates and bring to next meeting

C: Old Academy update

1. Inspection begins this week by MSA to determine asbestos abatement and demolition costs
2. The IRDC (Infrastructure Rehab & Devel Committee) will obtain report and handle bid-letting

D: Bike ride to Sparta

1. Ride from Port Byron to Sparta WI is week of October 4, 2015
2. K Klute involved in newspaper coverage of event, but hoped for more media
3. PB Board has approved \$3000 for funding
4. Still need to figure out
 - a. Arranging a shuttle between here and there
 - b. Arranging a method of returning to Port Byron after the ride

E: Dorrance Park update

1. K Klute met with Rock Island County Board, who will not sell nor transfer
2. Will arrange another meeting to explore possible partnership with county
3. T Foust suggested a contact with FORC (Friends of Off Road Cycling)
 - a. They were group who developed trails in Illiniwek
 - b. May have ideas/guidance for enhancing recreational opportunities
 - c. T Foust will check with them

7) New business

- A. T Foust asked if there was any place downtown that could be developed into a green space – Village Planning & Zoning Committee is exploring possibilities
- B. S Andry asked about development of the Mississippi River as a recreational venue,
 1. Would like to see activities such as parasailing, kayaking, etc.
 2. He will do some further investigation as to potential

8) Gallery - Questions and Comments

None

9) Adjourn

Kevin Klute made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Foust
All Ayes
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary

Next meeting date: Monday June 8, 2015 at 6pm.