

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee

August 10, 2015 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cartwright, Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Kevin Klute,
Clinton Sullivan

Absent: Steve Andry, Ron Jacobs

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from July

Motion made by Terry Foust, seconded by Kevin Klute to approve July minutes
All "Ayes"

5) Old business

A: Old Academy – update

Work continues, building is almost down

B: Bike ride to Sparta – update

1. Terry Foust has been pricing signs to place along bike paths but so far, pretty pricey
2. He'll continue to work on pricing and see what he can come up with

C: Marketing pamphlets – Lisa Miller from Bi-State

1. Lisa attended the meeting and had handouts of other cities' flyers
2. She discussed possible alternative formatting to what we last had
3. Also discussed possibly adding an individual sheet that would be geared to marketing opportunities with the Village, containing such info as a market analysis and a map of the TIF district
4. Sheet could then be inserted into flyer for more targeted audience
5. Lisa will send Barb Cray cover design from Muscatine flyer for review
6. Also want to gather Port Byron photos for possible inclusion in cover

D: Housing inventory – Barb Cartwright

1. There are really no "spec" houses going up in Illinois, so development is not likely
2. Marketing needs to focus on:
 - a. Activities that people can enjoy in Port Byron
 - b. Excellence of Riverdale Schools

E: Dorrance Park – update

1. Kevin Klute will put together a letter to Rock Island County Board
2. Terry Foust has been talking to FORC and feels we need concrete ideas

3. Activities such as trails, outdoor ice rink, cross country skiing, hockey, etc would be possibilities

F: Grafton IL – update
No further info yet

G: Farmer’s Market – update
No further info yet

H: PBSB – update
No further info yet

I: Welcome Wagon – update
1. New residents could be given a “Welcome to Town” basket
2. Could contain items donated by businesses in town
3. Could make initial contact when signing up for water/sewer services at Village

6) New business

None

7) Gallery - Questions and Comments

Lou DiLauro commented re: development of the Academy property and whether there had been any “bites” yet on showing on cleaned-up space(no)

8) Adjourn

Moved by Kevin Klute and seconded by Terry Foust – all “Ayes”
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next meeting date: Monday September 14, 2015 at 6pm.