

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee

September 14, 2015 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Kevin Klute, Clinton Sullivan
Absent: Steve Andry, Barb Cartwright, Ron Jacobs

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from August 10, 2015

Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Kevin Klute to approve August minutes - All "Ayes"

5) Old business:

A: Old Academy- update.

1. The Academy building is all demolished
2. Old buried tank still there for a few more weeks
3. Planning and Zoning approved a "For Sale" sign, but real question is, do we hire outside broker to market the property or do it ourselves?
4. Much discussion ensued
5. Kevin will ask the Board first to approve the Economic Development Committee to undertake the engagement of a commercial broker to market the property
6. Motion made by Kevin Klute and seconded by Terry Foust to authorize Kevin Klute and Clinton Sullivan to meet with 3 commercial realtors – Mel Foster, Ruhl & Ruhl, and ReMax – and hire one to market the Academy property - All "Ayes"

B: Bike ride to Sparta- update.

1. Bike ride fast approaching
2. there are 60+ registrants at present
3. Terry discussed signs, to be placed along bike paths, and his willingness to get them, pay for them, put them around, and get reimbursed
4. Motion made by Barb Cray and seconded by Kevin Klute to approve the purchase by Terry of 25 signs NTE \$125 - All "Ayes"

C: Marketing pamphlets

1. The pamphlets would be used to market the appeal of Port Byron both to potential businesses and to potential new residents
2. What would be of importance to each of those groups that could be included?
 - a. List of businesses
 - b. TIF map
 - c. List of annual events
 - d. Property tax comparison

- e. Local amenities
- 3. Would need coordination with our Village web site
- 4. Lisa Miller from Bi-State will give us advice and help

D: Dorrance Park- update.
No new info

E: Grafton, IL- update.
No update

F: Farmer's Market- update.
No update

G: Port Byron State Bank building- update.
No current info
Kevin and Clinton will discuss and pursue possible discussion with bank

H: "Welcome Wagon"- update.
Clinton is working on developing a way to welcome new residents

6) New business

A: It's On the River- update
No new activity as to property

7) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

8) Adjourn

Moved by Kevin Klute and seconded by Terry Foust to adjourn – all "Ayes"

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Next meeting date: **Tuesday October 6, 2015 at 6pm (change in normal day)**