

Economic Development Committee Agenda

June 8, 2015 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order by the Chairman

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cartwright, Barb Cray, Terry Foust (6:29 arrival), Ron Jacobs, Kevin Klute, Clinton Sullivan

Absent: Steve Andry

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from April and May.

1. Motion made by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Kevin Klute to approve minutes from both meetings
2. Barb Cartwright-yes, Barb Cray-yes, Ron Jacobs -yes, Kevin Klute-yes, Clinton Sullivan-yes

5) Old business:

A: Old Academy - Bid letting and opening

1. MSA has examined building
2. Expected that bidding process for demolition and asbestos abatement will begin soon
3. After site cleared, it is expected to become "responsibility" of this committee to pursue development

B: Bike ride to Sparta

1. Bike ride on for October 4
2. Can register online
3. Fire Dept serving breakfast
4. Discussion as to shuttling bikers from Riverdale Middle School to downtown, and cost

C: Baby Blues Fest – July 3

1. Downtown businesses preparing food such as ribs and brisket
2. Four bands booked
3. Too late in process to market items at this point

D. Dorrance Park and potential for bike trails

1. Much discussion as to potential for bike trails in Dorrance
2. Terry Foust talked to Supt of Dixon Park District, which was able to purchase 500+ acres for \$1
 - a. Able to get grants from State to develop trails and signage
3. No point to try to get State grant(s)
4. Exelon Corp does have a grant system for development of natural spaces
5. Also spoke with member of FORC (Friends of Off Road Cycling) who are volunteers who go in and build trails
6. There are a couple of bike rides happening through the area in the next few days

- a. GITAP has a ride that will have 200 or so through Illiniwek
 - b. 25-30 southern Wisconsin bikers will be passing through Cordova
- 7. Kevin Klute said Rock Island County cannot sell or give away Dorrance and have not approved trails as of yet
- E. Housing and commercial development in Port Byron
 - 1. Barb Cartwright circulated information as to building lots available in PB
 - a. There were 88 lots, 31 within the Village limits
 - 2. She also furnished a comprehensive chart of developers in the area
 - b. Hard to get developments in Illinois – Iowa is perceived as being more attractive for housing development
 - 3. Discussion ensued as to what kinds of amenities would entice people to Port Byron
 - 4. It was decided to draft a letter to builders to let them know we are an interested and willing partner in development

6) New business

None

7) Gallery- Questions and Comments

- A. Bob Lagerblade from Village Planning and Zoning Committee asked for input and feedback as to use(s) for the property on High Street after demolition of the old school

8) Adjourn

Kevin Klute made motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Jacobs
All “ayes”
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary

Next meeting date: Monday July 13, 2015 at 6pm.