

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee Agenda
July 13, 2015 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order by Mayor

Mayor Kevin Klute called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

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

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Official Business:

None

5) Administrative:

A: Approve meeting minutes from June.

Motion made by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Terry Foust to approve the minutes from June 2015 – all AYES

6) Old business:

A: Old Academy- Bid opening & awarding of contract.

1. The Village Board approved the bid to demolish the building
2. Also gave Kevin Klute as Mayor authority to sign off on contracts
3. Initial appraisal of property with building was \$90K
4. Value after removal should be about \$210K
5. Demolition and removal anticipated to be completed in September 2015

B: Bike ride to Sparta

1. Have gotten some registrants so process is moving along
2. Village Board has committed some funding as well
3. Terry Foust will check on signs along bike path, and talk to Bruce Petersen to find out amount of remaining budgeted funds

C: Baby Blues Fest

1. Event was deemed to be a success
2. Hope is to make it an annual event, same weekend next year
3. Clinton Sullivan will compose and send "Thank You" letters to sponsors

D: Marketing pamphlets

1. Barb Cray had an email from Lisa Miller at BiState re: Port Byron Fact Sheet
2. Lisa said she could sit down with us to review existing sheet and explore possibilities
3. Barb Cray will contact Lisa to see if she could attend next meeting to explain and discuss

E: Housing inventory

1. Barb Cartwright was to draft a letter to developers
2. Since she was unable to attend, will defer until next meeting

F: Dorrance Park

1. Kevin Klute has been working with Gina McCullough and Denise Bulat from Bi State to help facilitate discussion with Rock Island County Board
2. He would like to meet with Board to come up with partnership with County, Village and possible DNR to develop activities at Dorrance
3. Lots of possibilities – Frisbee golf, an ice rink, biking trails, hiking trails, cross country skiing trails, zip lines
4. Terry Foust is going to attend a FORC meeting to express our interest in their activities and will report back to this committee next month

7) New business

A: Grafton, IL

1. Grafton is a town on the Mississippi River north of St Louis that has done a lot of development of outdoor and tourist-attracting activities
2. Kevin will reach out to the Mayor of Grafton and possibly the Chamber of Commerce to obtain possible marketing materials, advice/information, and report back next meeting

B. Farmer's Market

1. Terry will do some checking and report back next meeting on possibilities

C. Community Center

1. Port Byron State Bank has been sold, and their building is large and in the center of town
2. Could the Village obtain the property? It could be developed into a potential Community Center, which Village lacks
3. Parking would also be of value to Village
4. Kevin will do some inquiry as to status and report back

D. Welcome Wagon

1. Could the Village support a "Welcome Wagon" or a "welcome to Port Byron" endeavor for new residents?
2. Will discuss at next meeting

8) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

9) Adjourn

Ron Jacobs made motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Foust

All "AYES"

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary