

## **MINUTES**

### **Economic Development Committee**

March 14, 2016 at 6pm  
Village Hall in Port Byron, IL

#### **1) Call to order**

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

#### **2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum**

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

#### **3) Gallery- Questions and Comments**

None

#### **4) Administrative**

A: Approve meeting minutes from January 11, 2016

**Motion made by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Terry Foust to approve January 11, 2016 minutes - All "Ayes"**

#### **5) Old business**

A: Dorrance Park- updates

1. Drew Hansen, FORC, presented information and a slide presentation about the development of 3 new trails within Dorrance
2. The trails have been planned and mapped out thru collaboration between Rock Island County and FORC (Friends of Off Road Cycling)
3. Layout of the 3 trails will be as a "stacked loop" system, with each trail progressively more challenging
  - a. Sustainable design of trails means low environmental impact, low maintenance, long lasting
  - b. Surface will be natural, relatively narrow = 12-24" wide
  - c. Human-powered only – no motorized vehicles, but multi-use, such as running, hiking, skiing, etc.
4. Overall estimated costs will be around \$6000 in this year (2016), due to preponderance of work being done by volunteers
  - a. Rock Island County will pay \$3000
  - b. River Action will pay \$1500 to match, if Port Byron will pay other \$1500

**Motion made by Kevin Klute to refer to the Village Board a recommendation to approve spending \$1500 to undertake trail construction at Dorrance Park, seconded by Terry Foust. - All "Ayes"**

5. RI County Sheriff's Dept. – discussed possibility of archery range, but possibly not recommended in a trail environment

B: Website- update

1. Chuck Hersey from Team 218 indicated that the web site is in process
2. Some things are still being developed and changed
3. Willing to return and discuss more with the Committee as we desire
4. Committee members are all to look at web site for feedback

C: Old Academy- update

1. Prospect has visited site
2. Commented positively, liked possibility of TIF and multi-use site

D: Bike ride to Sparta- update

No report

E: Baby Blues Fest- update

1. Will be Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-11 pm
2. Five bands have been booked
  - a. Ellis Kell, Pat Foley, Frydaddies, Night People, Avondale the Band
3. Still working on wrist bands, signs
  - a. Clinton will talk to Stern Beverage about possibly getting wristbands

F: Main Street Property- update (tear down)

1. Wrong equipment was delivered to site
2. Should not be long until building removed

G: Harrington's Pub opening

1. New business, used to be Chop House
2. Original Harrington's Pub in Davenport

**6) New business**

A: First Trust & Savings Bank-

1. Two employees of 1<sup>st</sup> Trust, Mike Morales and Stephanie (?), attended to express the bank's desire to be involved in the community
2. Actively seeking opportunities to volunteer and help in Port Byron

**7) Gallery - Questions and Comments**

1. Ron Jacobs commented on Brockmann Timbers, the business east of town producing maple syrup
2. Kevin Klute may get Frisbee /disc golf proponents to attend next meeting
3. Some miscellaneous comments as to whether an Eagle Scout project could be found to do some Village clean-up

**8) Adjourn**

Moved by Clinton Sullivan and seconded by Terry Foust to adjourn – all "Ayes"  
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Cray, Secretary

Next meeting date: Monday April 11, 2016 at 6 pm.