

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee
January 11, 2016 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

1) Call to order

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

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

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

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from November 9, 2015

Motion made by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Kevin Klute to approve November 9, 2015 minutes - All "Ayes"

5) Old business:

A: Old Academy- update
No report

B: Bike ride to Sparta

- a. Terry Foust not in attendance to give update
- b. Date set by Sparta bike group for 10/8-15, 2016

C: Dorrance Park

- a. Kevin has a meeting with the RICO Ranger and RICO Board on Thursday to discuss possibilities for recreation within the park
- b. Also has been notified that the county will be taking down a bunch of trees in the park due to oak wilt, in an effort to control

D: Baby Blues Fest

- a. Date set for July 1, 2016 – Friday night
- b. Trustee Wes Wells arranging for bands

E: Main Street property (2)

- a. Chad Pregracke has purchased the property at 118 Main St and has undertaken working on it
- b. The Village has purchased the property across the street from Village Hall, and it will eventually be torn down
- c. Possible uses for property are under discussion

F: Mean Mel's/Riverbend Pizza

- a. Owner of Riverbend Pizza seeking to purchase Mean Mel's property, in order to expand into that building
- b. He would then lease present property, perhaps to a donut shop
- c. Has made application for TIF funding assistance

6) New business

None

7) Gallery- Questions and Comments

A: There was discussion about the maintenance of the Riverfront Park, from unknown party

B: There was also some discussion among the committee as to the property formerly occupied by "It's" – nothing known, but Kevin will do some checking.

8) Adjourn

Moved by Kevin Klute and seconded by Ron Jacobs to adjourn – all "Ayes"

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary

Next meeting date: Monday February 8, 2016 at 6pm.