

## MINUTES

### Economic Development Committee

March 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Village Hall, 120 S Main, St, Port Byron, IL

#### **Call to order**

Chair Wes Wells called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

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

Roll call: Present: Barb Cartwright, Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Ron Jacobs,  
Kevin Klute, Wes Wells

(Clinton Sullivan has officially resigned from the committee)

#### Gallery - Questions and Comments

Patty Lindley was present and introduced herself

#### Administrative:

A: Approve meeting minutes from February 2017

Motion made by Kevin Klute and seconded by Ron Jacobs to approve 2/13//17

Minutes - All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

#### Old business:

A. Fiber optic status

1. Voting continues for 2 more days
2. Port Byron is allegedly a "front-runner" in the voting

B. Dorrance Park

1. Work is ongoing on installation of bridge
  - a. Terry said use of a trailer and dollies was donated
  - b. Beams were laid but not yet anchored
2. Discussed possibility of disc golf course at Dorrance
  - a. National tourney this year
3. Also discussed signs to notify if trail(s) are closed

#### New business

A. Baby Blues Fest – Master of Ceremonies

1. May have Miss Illinois if she is willing
2. Bad news from Olivia Dvorak – she had to cancel her attendance
3. Wes is working on remaining band contracts

B. Plastic, Aluminum inquiry

1. A question has been raised as to serving alcohol on sidewalk outside of local businesses
2. Did not feel it was allowable, but is instead an issue to refer to Board

C. Port Byron to Savanna Bike ride

1. Will2Ben – first leg on October 8, 2017, could be marketed as a separate bike ride
2. Same route, same day, different events in Port Byron and Savanna
  - a. Could we get something going same day that would be more local?
  - b. Could perhaps have an Oktoberfest event the night before?

D. Subdivision Ordinance

1. Some discussion as to who would be responsible
2. Normally Planning & Zoning Committee responsibility

E. Halloween parade

1. Formerly initiated and coordinated by Port Byron State Bank
2. Darci Toppert at the bank indicated that the current bank, Black Hawk State Bank, may pursue

Gallery- Questions and Comments

Some discussion ensued about what kinds of businesses should be pursued in Port Byron – grocery stores? Hotel?

**Adjourn**

Moved by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Terry Foust to adjourn – all “Ayes”  
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Cray, Secretary