

# MINUTES

## Economic Development Committee

May 8, 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, Wes Wells

Absent: Ron Jacobs (Kevin Klute has resigned from the committee)

### Gallery - Questions and Comments

Patty Lindley was present and introduced herself, commented that she felt she knew of a developer who was interested in condominium development, and maybe Port Byron would be a good location

### Administrative:

A: Approve meeting minutes from March 2017

Motion made by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Terry Foust to approve 3/13/17

Minutes - All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

### 5) Old business:

A. Baby Blues Fest – update

1. BBF is Saturday, July 1 from 5:00 – 11:00pm

2. Still several needs:

a) Publicity

b) Porta-potties

c) People to put up and take down the barricades to close the streets

d) Arrange a golf cart to move musicians from Library parking lot

B. Dorrance Park – update

1. Grand opening of Trail #1 was last week – Mayor spoke at ceremony

2. Work on 2<sup>nd</sup> trail already underway

3. Some discussion of whether Port Byron could be a bicycling destination, and what that would need to make it happen

C. Nategeotourism Website Help

1. Wes needs assistance to help post the pictures on the Natgeotourism web site

2. Going to try to get our Facebook manager, Andrew, to help

D. Ride Illinois Bike Tour

1. 15th annual Grand Illinois Bike Tour June 11 -16<sup>th</sup>

2. Will pass through Port Byron Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> over lunch time

a) Wes arranged for live music in the gazebo that day and a lemonade stand downtown

b) Letters will be distributed to downtown eateries as well

c) May have 200 riders

6) New business

General discussion as to:

Failure of Fiber-Optic extension to Port Byron

Need for new members on this committee

Could TIF funds be used to push for new business(s) in town?

7) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

**Adjourn**

Moved by Terry Foust and seconded by Barb Cartwright to adjourn – all “Ayes”

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Cray, Secretary