

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

June 12, 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 6:08 pm

Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cartwright, Terry Foust, Wes Wells, Bruce Peterson

Absent: Barb Cray, Ron Jacobs,

Gallery- Questions and Comments

Patty Lindley wants to talk about possibilities of a Splash Park.

Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from May 8, 2017

Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Barb Cartwright to approve

5/8/2017 Minutes

All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

Old business:

A. Academy Site update

1. Meeting of Mayor and Wes Wells with John Corelis, Realtor of Academy Property on 6-12-2017. Property has been idle for 40+ years therefore no asset to the village. Question to John Corelis on new marketing approach, message to John Corelis to have a more aggressive marketing. Wes suggested to lower asking price by 5% to 10%.

Motion made by Barb Cartwright to recommend to board to lower asking price to \$202,900, add link on village FB page and village web page and list Academy property in residential and commercial MLS. Seconded by Terry Foust. All "Ayes" - Motion carried.

B. June 13 Bikers

1. Wes will manage lemonade stand and T-shirt sales.

C. Baby Blues & BBQ Fest

1. Street will be closed from Walnut on an angle to public bathrooms
2. 3 portable bathrooms are ordered
3. 4 students from Riverdale HS FFA will put up and take down barricades.
4. Musician transportation will be provided by Kelly from Sugar Daddys from library parking lot.
5. Newly designed t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$10.
6. Attendance goal of 1,000. Rain date is 2 July.

D. Nategeotourism

1. Wes is meeting with Andrew for website posts.

E. Dorrance Park

1. First loop is completed. Trail work day every two weeks, normally on Tues or Thurs evening at 5:30 PM.

New business

A. Splash Park

1. Wes will respond to email inquiry from Megan Herman.
2. Patty Lindley offered to provide more information on Splash parks.

B. Halloween Parade

1. Terry will contact library about date for library festivities. Terry already spoke with bank about cost of movie after parade.

Comments from Mayor

1. Possibility of music park stations to be placed along bike path.
2. Village to purchase property at corner of Main and Hickory.
3. Young's is for sale.

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Patty suggested selling bonds to pay for some of the above projects.

Adjourn

Moved by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Terry Foust to adjourn – all “Ayes”
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cartwright