

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

September 11, 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 6:02 pm

Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cray, Barb Cartwright, Terry Foust, Ron Jacobs, Patty Lindley,
Wes Wells

Absent: None

Gallery- Questions and Comments

Lou DiLauro asked about the old Academy property, and whether the realtor contract would continue, since it is due to expire in November?

Administrative:

A. Approve meeting minutes from 08/14/17 meeting

Motion made by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Patty Lindley to approve 8/14/2017

Minutes

All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

Old business

A. 2018 Christmas Walk December 1st

1. Patty L spoke at length to explain the Library's Christmas plans for 12/1/17

2. They plan to have a Santa and a person doing Laura Ingalls Wilder, and ongoing craft projects

3. There was also discussion of perhaps getting the Fire Department involved

4. Village portion of Walk will be 5-8 PM, with music, cider & cookies

5. Maybe we can use golf cart(s) decorated to drive people around?

B. Ice rink

1. Patty L said she had checked with Bettendorf, who has an ice rink, and felt there may be some maintenance involved

2. This rink is not very deep, which may lessen amount of needed maintenance

3. There is no railing, so it was suggested we have straw bales placed around to perimeter for safety and to provide a place to sit

4. May need to evaluate for insurance purposes

Motion made by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Terry Foust to recommend to the Board to approve purchase of the ice rink from EZ ICE

Ayes: Cartwright, Foust, Jacobs, Lindley, Wells, Cray

Nays: None

Motion approved

C. Halloween "festivities"

1. Terry F has been talking with Blackhawk Bank – they are interested in showing a Halloween movie in their parking lot

2. Date would be Friday 10/27

Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Ron Jacobs to spend \$250 towards cost of Halloween movie

Ayes: Foust, Jacobs, Cartwright, Lindley, Wells, Cray

Nays: None

Motion approved

D. Potential Partnership opportunity with Augustana – ideas

1. Several possibilities for projects that could be encompassed by partnership
2. Lou DiLauro had several prospects that could be considered
3. Things such as a map of sewer/water lines locations, community center, creative approaches to financing, etc. could all fall under proposal
4. We'll send a list to Augustana and they can give us feedback

E. Will to Ben bike ride – October

1. Bikers arrive Saturday night 10/7 and take off Sunday morning 10/8
2. They spoke with someone to arrange staying at Middle School

F. "Old" gazebo repair

1. Discussed options for repairs of roof and spindles
2. If we do a metal roof, it will match nearby buildings
3. Goal is to re-roof before 12/1/17
4. Wes Wells will talk to Doug Streeter and Dustin Sloan about what costs may be

New business

None

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Terry Foust added that the 2nd trail loop at Dorrance Park is complete and they are starting construction of 3rd loop – ahead of schedule

Adjourn

Moved by Terry F and seconded by Ron J to adjourn – all "Ayes"

Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray