

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 19, 2016

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on May 19, 2016.

**PRESENT:** Larry Calvert, Ben Gulino, Dave Casey Joanne Marcotte and Tony Oddo.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Trustee Al Bulthuis, along with 3 guests; Deb Demito, Megan Pingel and Sara Pingel.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for April 20, 2016 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Dave Casey. The motion passed with all ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

North Avenue continues to be transformed; North Park Plaza new outbuilding and the Event Center for Wildfire Harley Davidson are near completion and they hope to be opened sometime in June, along with the renovations to the existing Wildfire Harley Davidson's main building.

The following businesses are opening at North Park Plaza; Chipotle, Firehouse Subs, T-Mobile, Sprint Stella's and a Dentist.

There is a Public Outreach meeting scheduled for June 1, 2016 at Allegra Banquets regarding the Garden Station project by the train station. Developer is looking to get financial assistance.

Exciting news; two scouts wanting to earn Eagle Scout have taken on the project for a Gateway to the Great Western Trail. Discussions and meetings have been scheduled and they will be working with contractors.

Discussions have taken place with Willowbrook High School Art Department for a mural by AK Mulch. They feel it is a good fit for the students. Ideas will need to be approved, along with a plan for maintenance. The idea of local sponsors to assist in buying the supplies is being considered.

Conversation moved to the Liquor Code and all were in agreement that the Village should adopt and/or match the State Code.

The property at 124-126 was sold and renovations are underway for a new Micro Brewery.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Guests Deb Demito, Sara and Megan Pingel had many great ideas for various functions that could be held within the Village. Ideas consisted of Block Parties and Street Fairs were among a few. A list of events could be compiled and submitted for review.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Casey said thank you for all the efforts to improve the village it is noticeable.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ben Gulino and seconded by Commissioner Dave Casey. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha