

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 17, 2016

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on August 17, 2016.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Trustee Al Bulthuis, along with Trustee Nick Cuzzone.

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

**APPROVAL OF INTERIM CHAIRPERSON:** Dave Casey was nominated as temporary Chairman for absent Chairperson, Joanne Marcotte. The motion passed with all ayes.

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

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for May 19, 2016 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Ben Gulino. The motion passed with all ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Economic Development Director, Jan Fiola informed the Committee of the following improvements within the village.

The Village owned property on North and Harvard has sold and construction of a new building is underway. This will house Pet Supply with additional store fronts. The building will be approximately 10,000 square feet.

North Park Plaza continues to make improvements; Dunkin Donuts and T Mobile are opened. Firehouse Subs and Chipotle will be opened within a few weeks and the final businesses should be completed in approximately 5 weeks.

Wildfire Harley Davidson had their grand opening the end of July and was very successful with food, beverages and entertainment.

Currently there are offers on another piece of Village owned property. Submittals are under careful consideration at this time.

A new business on Villa Avenue has submitted plans and is moving forward with the renovations.

Unfortunately La Tosca has closed permanently, however a new tenant is looking into a new venture at this location.

Additional inquiries about the Facade Assistance Program have come in, which means continued renovations and upgrades to more businesses in the area.

The Garden Station project is still in the application/financing stage.

Currently there are two (2) businesses in town looking for new/larger space and is working with Economic Development Director.

Various new businesses are doing very well and are optimistic that they will continue to grow.

Cortesi Park continues to get more attention and activity. Movies in the Park, Concerts are a success. The newly renovated Train Depot is completed and is available for rental.

Metra is in the process of repairing and upgrading the train station, which may include wayfinding signs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gulino announced that Standard Bank has merged with First Merit, the current location is staying but with this merger it increases the number of locations to a wider area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Ben Gulino and seconded by Commissioner Larry Calvert. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha