

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Regular Meeting

November 17, 2016

7:00 pm

Room 302, Municipal Center

Minutes

PRESENT: The following members were present: Helen Bergenty, Mark Romanow and Val Dumais

STAFF: Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development

ABSENT: Mark Chase, Nancy Autunno, Joseph Klepacki, Ken Hedman, Robert Berube (alternate) (all excused)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Val Dumais, Chairman. It was noted that there was no quorum, so no formal business could be conducted.

II. Oral Petitions

None

III. Minutes

As there was no quorum, minutes will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

IV. New Business

Discussion on 2015 / 2016 Business Award Recipients – The Chairperson declared the Agency members present members of an ad-hoc committee established to review potential business award recipients who will report their findings back the Agency as a whole, requesting additional input or consensus. The Agency reviewed the 2015 and 2016 New Business Opening Lists prepared by staff and talked about local businesses and whom should receive the awards.

A. Walker Crane and Rigging – just completed a recent expansion. Local business since the 1990's and commitment to Plainville.

B. Lessard Lane – renovated Laurel Lanes and added an indoor mini golf course, revitalized the interior and exterior of the building. New to Plainville.

C. Executive Press – relocated to a larger office. Local business for 20 years plus - also has committed to the Town of Plainville.

The Committee discussed the top three picks and decided to recommend Walker Crane and Executive Press, who have both exhibited a long term commitment to the Town of Plainville. Lessard Lanes may be considered in the next round of awards. Mark DeVoe was asked to send an email to all regular Agency members asking for comments and/or concurrence with the recommendations of the committee. Mark will follow up via email once consensus is reached.

V. Old Business

None

VI. Staff Reports

1. All State Fire Equipment – 17,000 sq ft addition is complete.
2. Northeast Produce – addition is complete. They will have a retail space as well.
3. Big Y Plaza- being painted and a new sign will be installed. Landscaping reinstalled.
4. U-Haul – in the process of painting and landscaping. They should be coming in for approval on display and signage.
5. Plan of Conservation and Development – put in for funding, needs to be done in 2019. Economic Development is a required element of the PoCD.
6. Garrett Daigle – new Assistant Planner, welcome. Working out well – cutting teeth on GIS and learning regulatory process.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Adjournment

7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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