

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission President Rich Leber called the June 1, 2016 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Griffith YMCA, 201 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Robert Kurtz, present
Rich Leber, present
Susan Schaub, present
Don Wiltfong, present
Rich Miller, present

ALSO ATTENDING

Rick Ryfa, Griffith Town Council
Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission
Tom Wichlinski - Economic Development Commission
David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis
George Jerome - Griffith Town Council
Shawn Graham - Edward Jones
Rex Sherrard - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis
Ken Karlstedt, Sr.
Darrell Gottschammer
Mary Gottschammer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Susan Schaub motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2016 meeting, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Claims - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasitis for \$ 2,081.70 for legal services from April 16 through May 15, 2016.
- Motion to approve two (2) claims by Rich Miller seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A purchase agreement from Quik Scripts to purchase the Broad St/Lake St property was drawn up by Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis that requires updating prior to sending to Dave Davilla. Motion from Susan Schaub for Rich Leber, President to sign contract inclusive of one typo correction. Redevelopment Commission to work with planning commission, seconded by Rich Miller. All in favor, motion carried.
- Andy's Body Shop update: No report.
- Golf Course Update: Engineers to finish - fieldwork completed.

- LaSalle Steel Property: With attorneys.
- Big Box Update from AK&J: None specific.

Latitude Commercial Real Estate Properties provided final paperwork for the Façade Program Grant for the Griffland Plaza business that opened in May 2016 (Edward Jones Financial). Commission members to review paperwork. Paperwork reviewed and \$13,487.00 approved. Motion to approve by Susan Schaub, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

Charcuterie provided final paperwork for the Façade Program Grant; Commission members to review paperwork. All paperwork is up to date and \$2,725.00 was submitted. Motion to approve by Don Wilfong, seconded by Rich Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

Rich Leber reported that Moses Eyecare expansion may be moving forward. No update

Lou - mural painter – wall at G & G Hobby - Painting terminated at this time.

Town Council President Rick Ryfa proposed a meeting with developers of Griffith Park Plaza for plan and proposal for potential uses. Meeting to be scheduled week of June 6th, 2016.

Town Council President Rick Ryfa reported that a Blues Festival will be held at Central Park July 2 & 3, 2016.

China Koon - new owners. Rick Ryfa requested they submit application for new signage. Susan Schaub to drop off application.

Clean-up day for Griffith May 14, 2016 was a success. RDC provided sponsorship of \$400.00.

Outstanding and Updated items from May 2016/past meetings:

- Barcades/Restaurant turned in their Application for Façade Assistance. The state has approved their business plan and renovations. Renovations are currently in progress. Unofficial opening end of June 2016.
- E-Motors was given to the end of March 2016 to provide a timeline to complete code violations and a plan to improve the façade of the building. No update or return e-mail since May meeting.

Current Griffith Businesses interested/applying for the 2016 Façade/Grant Program

Dr. Robert Hall Chiropractic on 45th Street - currently pursuing signage. No update.

Ben Mollin/Angel Hair Plaza – Dropped off application. No update.

Deans Landscaping for business complex they own on 200 block of North Main Street. No update.

Hometown Carpets - no application to date

Ladies Gourmet Popcorn - still renovating, i.e., drywall and electrical.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-21 Downtown Resolution - copies to be signed and returned. No budget included. Motion to approve by Don Wilfong, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

2016-20 Mall Resolution - copies to be signed and returned. No budget included. Motion to approve by Rich Miller, seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

Letters to Taxing Entities to be drafted by Austen, Kuiper & Jasatis, to be distributed by Austen, Kuiper & Jasatis by June 15, 2016 for Lake County and Town of Griffith.

Debra Mueller from a truck repair company called and ask for incentives from RDC and Town of Griffith. Location off of Main Street in business complex. Only signage and exterior facade from RDC. Per Rick Ryfa, Town Council, no incentives from Town of Griffith.

Rick Ryfa, President Town Council stated that paving 45th Avenue in Griffith from Cline Avenue to Colfax Avenue will begin this summer.

There being no further business, Commission member Rich Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Susan Schaub. All in favor, motion carried.

Rich Leber, President

Don Wiltfong, Secretary

Beverly Lamberta, Recording Secretary