

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission President Rich Leber called the March 2, 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
Rich Miller, present
Susan Schaub, present
Don Wiltfong, present

ALSO ATTENDING

George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer
Rick Ryfa, Griffith Town Council
Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission
Jeff Bridges, Economic Development Commission
Tom Wichlinski - Economic Development Commission
David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis
Jerry Pataki

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Rich Miller motioned to approve the minutes from the February 2016 meeting, seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

- Claims – Richard Leber for \$ 291.08 for hotel and vehicle rental for a January trip to Mt. Clements, MI to speak with the towns Development Commissioner.
- Claims - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasitis for \$ 1,284.20 for legal services for December 2015 through February 15, 2016.
- Total amount of claims - \$ 1,575.28 Motion to approve all four (4) claims by Rich Miller, seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION

At the completion of the February RDC meeting, the Griffith RDC signed and distributed the agreement from AK&J for an Attorney-Client Agreement for the calendar year 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

Broad St/Lake Street Property. Per Rich Miller an offer is forthcoming for \$45,000.00 from Quick Scripts.

- Andy's Body Shop update: Per David Austgen of Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis there has been no change.

- Golf Course - Per Tom Wilchinski engineers have been looking at the levee.
- AK&J submitted proposed changes to the RDC members for the proposed 2016 Façade Program.

Outstanding and Updated items from February 2016/past meetings:

The Edward Jones Investments Branch Owner reported that the new owners of GriffLand Plaza has turned in an application for the Griffith Façade program on February 29, 2015. Work is scheduled to commence in the next few days. Approved \$15,000.00 for them in 2015.

- Barcades/Restaurant reported that construction plans are awaiting state approval and that contractor bidding is currently in progress and is applying for 3-way liquor license.
- Update on a 2016 Façade Application that was given to the Automotive Repair Shop at the corner of Cline Avenue and Ridge Road as the Owner of the business is interested in re-painting the outer façade. Susan Schaub motioned to approve, seconded by Rich Miller. All in favor, motion carried.

Current Griffith Businesses interested in the 2016 Façade/Grant Program

Charcuterie Cheese and Meats opening in Spring 2016 for carry-out only.
Dr. Robert Hall Chiropractic on 45th Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Royal Brush in PACTIV building will be visited by Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission and Rich Leber.

No news of LaSalle Steel building.

The Clerk-Treasurer has requested a meeting with AK&J and interested RDC members to define terms associated with TIF Districts, Allocation Areas and Redevelopment Areas to ensure we all understand and use mutually understood terms. David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis brought information and reviewed.

David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis discussed big box entities trying to appeal "property tax assessments" all over state. He suggests we prepare data and appraisals so that impact of TIF can be avoided by reduction in property taxes. David Austgen - Austgen, Kuiper & Jasatis will report again in April 2016.

There being no further business, Commission member Rich Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

Rich Leber, President

Don Wiltfong, Secretary

Beverly Lamberta, Recording Secretary