

TOWN OF GRIFFITH  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING OF JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

Commission Vice President Rich Leber called the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Franklin Center, 201 N. Griffith Blvd., Griffith, Indiana.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Carol Green-Fraley, Attorney  
George Jerome, Clerk Treasurer  
Gus Parianos, Economic Development Commission  
Rick Ryfa, Town Council Member  
Tom Wichlinski, Economic Development Commission

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commission member Don Wiltfong motioned to approve the minutes from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, seconded by Robert Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commission member Robert Kurtz motioned to approve one claim to Green & Kuchel in the amount of \$375.00, seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Leber reported that Studio 4 has requested approximately \$5,000.00 for landscaping, fence repair as well as additional repairs. The owner would like to have the work completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wiltfong motioned to authorize Mr. Leber and Mrs. Schaub to commit up to \$6,000.00 reimbursement to Studio 4, seconded by Mr. Kurtz. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Schaub questioned if the Redevelopment Commission worked with the new furniture store on the 100 block of Broad Street. Mr. Ryfa explained that they did not participate in the Commercial Revitalization Program and the town is currently working on revisions to the town ordinance regarding neon lighting.

Mr. Ryfa had met with the owner of the former Patty Cake Bakery on the 200 block of Broad Street. The owner would like to rent out both sides of the building for \$5,000 per month or \$2,500 per side. He also has a liquor license he will rent out. He is open to reasonable offers.

Mr. Jerome informed the commission that Moses Eye Care expressed interest in the Commercial Revitalization Program as well as putting an addition on the back of the building. Rick Ryfa offered to stop by the office to discuss their plans. Mrs. Schaub will follow up and discuss the program with the doctor.

Mr. Parianos suggested sending a letter to businesses informing them of the Commercial Revitalization Program and express the town interest in working with businesses on improving their facades. Mr. Wichlinski will put a letter together and send a draft out to all members. Mr. Wichlinski has also been in contact with the web site developer to work on having the Commercial Revitalization Program available on the town's website.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Leber questioned the status of the Little Calumet River Basin Project. Mr. Ryfa explained that there have been no changes. Mr. Jerome said that he has yet to be contacted regarding the project. Until the location of the levee is determined, the town will not know how much land will be developable.

Mr. Leber asked about the reimbursement for NT Auto's parking lot. Mr. Kurtz said the asphalt has been completed. George Jerome explained that any invoice for reimbursement will have to be approved by the Redevelopment Commission.

Mrs. Schaub asked if there are any updates on Pactiv. Mr. Wichlinski has no new information. Mr. Kurtz would like the town to consider purchasing the property. Attorney Carol Green-Fraley suggested getting estimates for demolition before considering the purchase.

#### **REPORTS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mr. Wichlinski mentioned that the library on Broad Street has been sold to the bricklayers union. He also said that Main Source Bank on Broad has been closed.

Mr. Wichlinski informed the commission that he had dropped off a Commercial Revitalization Application at e-motors.

Mr. Wichlinski reported that the Tool & Dye Company that is located in the Bakker Produce building has contacted the State Economic Development Commission for additional grants. They have also rented the outlet building on their property.

Mr. Wichlinski said that Oberpfalz Brewery construction should be complete by the middle or late July, which would give them a month before their equipment arrives in September. Mr. Wiltfong questioned the plans for exterior. Mr. Wichlinski will find out the details on the façade.

Gatlin Plumbing will be completing the handicap restroom at Pokro's Brewery. This work should be complete within 45 – 60 days.

#### **FOLLOW UP**

Rick Ryfa and Susan Schaub will contact Moses Eye Care Center regarding the Commercial Revitalization Program.

Tom Wichlinski will draft a letter to businesses to promote the Commercial Revitalization Program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Mr. Rich Leber, Vice President

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Mr. Robert Kurtz, Secretary

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Tricia Kistler, Recording Secretary