

TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING OF OCTOBER 2ND, 2013

Commission President Tim Owczarzak called the October 2nd, 2013 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Griffith Franklin Center, 201 N. Broad Street, Griffith, Indiana.

ROLL CALL

Bob Kurtz, present
Rich Leber, present
Rich Miller, present
Tim Owczarzak, present
Don Wiltfong, present

ALSO ATTENDING

Carol Green-Fraley, Attorney
Tom Wichlinski, Economic Development Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission member Rich Miller motioned to approve the minutes from the September 4th, 2013 meeting, seconded by Don Wiltfong. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commission President Tim Owczarzak motioned to approve four claims payable to Green & Kuchel totaling \$2,273.30. Mr. Wiltfong seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Owczarzak informed the commission members that he and Mr. George Jerome negotiated with the Griffith School System on the purchase of the South Park Soccer Field and Franklin Softball Field. Mr. Owczarzak and Mr. Jerome negotiated a price of \$650,000.00 for both properties with a \$250,000.00 deposit and payments of \$100,000.00 over the next four years. Mr. Wiltfong motioned to approve the purchase of both properties, seconded by Rich Leber. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Leber questioned the status of the golf course property. Attorney Carol Green-Fraley explained that there are many hoops to go through, such as, the levy, flowage easement, how much developable land is available, and how much land is below grade. Because so many entities are involved, Mr. Owczarzak expects a timeline of 3-5 years.

Mr. Owczarzak asked Attorney Carol Green-Fraley what the status is on the Declaratory Resolution for Pactiv property. Mrs. Green-Fraley plans of having the Declaratory Resolution ready for the November 6th meeting. The entire process should be completed in 8 months.

Mr. Owczarzak updated the Commission on the Revitalization Program. The following businesses have been submitted for payment: Corner Café, Blythe's, Angel Hair Pasta and Tru Lux Car Wash. The projects that are currently in progress are as follows: Sweets & Suds, Spitz & Miller, and Cheek to Cheek. The projects that have been recently approved are as follows: Main Street Body Shop, Manny Papadakis, Triad Design, The Depot Bar & Grill, and Jeanne's Dance Academy. Today was the last day for applications to be accepted and the program is suspended indefinitely.

Mr. Owczarzak affirmed that the Redevelopment Commission denied Centier's request for an ATM located at Broad & Lake Street. The Town Council has taken it under advisement. Mr. Owczarzak asked if anyone has an update. Neither Rick Ryfa nor George Jerome was in attendance to respond.

REPORTS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tom Wichlinski reported that he spoke with a business from Hammond looking for either an existing property or vacant property to build an approximately 15,000 square foot building. Mr. Wichlinski referred him to Jeff Austgen; however, Mr. Wichlinski feels the business plans on staying in Hammond.

FOLLOW UP

Attorney Carol Green-Fraley will have the Declaratory Resolution for Pactiv ready for the November 6th, 2013 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Owczarzak, President

Tricia Kistler, Recording Secretary

Robert Kurtz, Secretary