

Minutes 11/9/2017

Called to order at 8:13 a.m

Attendance: Rich Pluta, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Paul Rudy, Patti McLaughlin, Dawn Lowe, John Gerner, June Reisinger, Marti Roberts, Morgan Tressler, Frank Campbell

Excused: Christie Young, Derek Whitesel, Russ Hoover

Unexcused: Jim Fuller, Brenda Watson,

Public Comment: Jason Finnerty Tri County planning: Rockville Estates subdivision, 54 lots. Public water and sewer. Higher lots might have to be private systems. Developer is Fishing Creek Associates, York. First phase is really moving along – houses being built quickly. John and Jason met on Comp Plan and charted a path for future meetings about progress. Marti remarked that our budget, submitted to the county, indicated how our items dovetail with the economic chapter. Discussion ensued about the current conversation about the unfortunate linking of the EDA's funding with an effort to increase Farm Land Preservation. The Comp Plan specifically limits General Fund contributions to Farm Land Preservation funding. TCP wants to update the Comp Plan in tandem with the Census.

Secretary's Report: ***John Gerner presented the minutes of the September 14, 2017 Board meeting which had been tabled to provide time for his review. These minutes are now ready for approval. Patti McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes, Kevin Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved. John Gerner then presented the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Board meeting. Patti proposed a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

Treasurer's report: Patti presented report. Three documents in Dropbox. Current balance is \$6761.04. Ending balance is projected to be approximately \$4,200. ***John Gerner proposed a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Frank Campbell seconded the motion. John Gerner asked if we knew when we could expect to receive our county funding.*** We'll submit invoice January 2. Motion carried. Commissioners are having another budget meeting this coming Monday at 1 p.m. Budget will be published the 17<sup>th</sup> of November and vote to approve the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

EDA Budget for 2018: Patti suggested we track hours board volunteer hours, including meetings and the survey project. PCLC does a sheet showing time and miles driven. We should be tracking in-kind efforts. We *should* have \$34000 for 2018. Part two of the branding effort is \$11,000. Marti reminded board that addressing county perception gap was the highest rated issue from our survey. If we move forward with creating a brand, we'd be cutting it very close. ***John Gerner suggested that the board*** should take action on approving a budget. Discussion ensued about the best procedure. It was decided that the Executive Committee will draft a budget, assuming county funding and publish it before voting in December. Workshop to be held Monday, November 20 at 1 p.m.

State Farm Grant submitted. June found another grant we'll try for – USDA Local Food Promotion. We'll need letters of support, etc. It's not open yet, but we'll need to be prepared. Discussion about value added feasibility study.

501c3 discussion, we need to keep this on the table. Paul asked if the Farm Bureau might have money to spend on the feasibility study. We'll follow up. 40% of PEDAs loans are agriculture.

Should we have a January board development session? Yes. We need new board members. Jason suggested reaching out to other organizations who might want representation on our board. Morgan suggest Donnie Barch. Should we have a committee who meets and recommends? Need to develop list. Members should send suggestions to Michelle, by 20th. Ask local leaders for people suggestion. We need to interview people. We can put a notice out on website, facebook and email list.

Education discussion – Michelle discussed the meeting she and Frank attended with the high school counselors regarding ways we could partner and work together on career and college readiness for the students in our communities. The first step will be to start a database of businesses willing to host an intern for a minimum of 2—3 hours a day for at least 9 weeks, or to allow a student to job shadow for the day. The second phase would be to create a county job fair for students at each of the districts. We're meeting with the counselors from each school on Friday, November 17 to continue the discussion.

Rich discussed the young person mentoring program. Would likely start in February 2019. TFEC is trying to teach young adults to give money to charities and be involved in these organization. Rich wants to know if we're interested in having them present their case. Consensus was yes.

Rich motioned, Paul seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.