**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2025**

**Perry County Economic Development Authority**

**Perry County Business and Tourism Center**

**New Bloomfield, PA.**

**Attendees:** Marti Roberts, Rich Pluta, Ed Barben, Scott Fritz, Dee Anderson, Frank Campbell, Patti McLaughlin, Scott Dunkelberger

**Virtual participants:** Duane Hertzler, Lindsey Hutchinson,

**Staff:** Michelle Jones, Lisa Fickes

**Absent:** David Misner

**Excused:**

**Visitor:**

**Call to Order:**

The January 2025 PCEDA Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Roberts at 8:30

AM.

* To reorganize the executive committee. There was a motion to approve by Frank Campbell and Ed Barben seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

The regular PCEDA board meeting was called to order at 8:32 am

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on November 14, 2024, which had been distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. There was an error brought to attention. Instead of $35,000.00 the minutes reflected a typo of $350,000.00. This will be corrected. There was a motion to approve the secretary’s report by Ed Barben and Scott Fritz seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* There was no treasury report as the treasurer is resolving access to our account. We had the normal expenses, and one façade grant reimbursement.  There was a motion to approve the treasurer’s report by Ed Barben and Rich Pluta seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Chair Report:**

Marti Roberts reported as follows:

Marty Roberts the board chair discussed major projects, getting the engineering done for all nine boroughs, get at least part of the proposal to address lighting, trees, sidewalks, and pedestrian crossings. Part of the RFP is that the engineers will need to attend municipal meetings and also board members will need to attend the meetings with them. These meetings will start early spring. We need to schedule what we would like to do this year. Also, we discussed the fairgrounds project. They did receive an LSA grant through the county to improve the fairgrounds. We need to help the fair board members to get a capital campaign going. We also need to help the fair board members through the 501C3 process. The largest building will be the first to start which will be an event space kitchen and bathrooms. We need to find someone that can help direct and guide us to raise money for the fair project.

There was a motion by Rich Pluta, and Ed Barben seconded. Frank Campbell recused himself.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Staff Report:**

Michelle discussed the Wayfinding project. She also informed the board of what we have achieved so far with getting this project moving.

**Main Street Coordinator:**

April will be the unveiling of the art installations. Some of the committees will have different types of meetings, maybe not monthly but some of the municipalities are looking to work together and we need to inform the new board members what having a town means.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Adjourn:** Ed Barben made a motion to adjourn, Rich Pluta seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without dissent at 9:20 am.