**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**October 10, 2024**

**Perry County Economic Development Authority**

**Perry County Business and Tourism Center**

**New Bloomfield, PA.**

**Attendees:** Marti Roberts, Rich Pluta, Frank Campbell, Patti McLaughlin, Duane Hertzler, Ed Barben, Lindsey Hutchinson, Scott Fritz, Dee Anderson

**Virtual participants:** Scott Dunkelberger David Misner

**Staff:** Michelle Jones, Lisa Fickes

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Lindsey Hutchinson

**Visitor:** Jason Finnerty

**Call to Order:**

The October 2024 PCEDA Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Roberts at 8:35

AM.

**Public Comment: Jason** Finnerty, the county planner, reports as follows:

Sixty-Four new plans for the year, eight less than last year. There are 38 new lots for the year, all are residential. A new solar plan was submitted for Saville Township located on the Knouse property which is south of Ickesburg. Many of the solar projects are moving forward, but no active development at this time. These projects are being set up to be sold.

The regional transportation program is actively reviewing the needs in the county to see what is in the pipeline for future transportation needs, and changes.

Picture Perry is moving forward with a few new projects on the table such as Sugar Run Rd.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on September 12, 2024, which had been distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. There was a motion to approve the secretary’s report by Patti McLaughlin and Duane Hertzler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Three sources of revenue came in over the past month, over $18,000.00 came in from DCED
* Other than the incoming sources of revenue there was only normal overhead for the month

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.

**Budget approval:** PCEDA was a line item in the county budget for the second year. Michelle Jones commented that PCEDA relies on the commissioners for foundational funding. Grant funding is a huge part of the budget and fulfills many needs but doesn’t cover the salaries of the director or main street coordinator as well as other expenses such as rent, electric bills etc...

Michelle mentioned she has a few other sources for budget money.

There was a motion to approve the budget by Patti McLaughlin and Duane Hertzler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Chair Report:**

Marti Roberts reported as follows:

Marti reported the presentation with the fair board went well and all fair board members were in attendance. Marti expressed to the fair board that we are here to help them expedite the improvements to the fairgrounds. It was a very positive meeting. The improvements that have been proposed will need a capital campaign to fund these improvements. The most obvious improvements will be retaining funds to build restrooms, have walkways and improve current buildings on the grounds.

Sports complex RFP received three proposals. The company they chose is a good selection as the company has prior experience with these types of complexes. Marti suggested that a subcommittee should be formed to help move this project forward.

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:**

The Wayfinding committee was formed, and we spoke to the PADOT sign manager. He gave us some good advice and guidance. This is going to be a difficult project, but we feel confident we will succeed. Jason Finnerty offered help from his office to help attend some of the borough meetings.

501 c3 committee is moving forward with the attorney to create this non-profit status.

**Main Street Coordinator:** Lisa informed the board that a lot of the art installations will be spring of 2025. Duncannon’s installation is almost complete, Liverpool may need some extra time, Landisburg signs should be done in the next 60 days, Newport is still trying to decide on their art project, and Blain still undecided on the mural.

Lisa brought the main street information up to date, which is required by the state to continue to get grants and funding.

**Old Business:** Frank discussed the TPA, and would it benefit Perry County to partner with Juniata County. The consensus was that we want to stay independent.

Picture Perry has another round of signatures for the resolution, and there are still 8 municipalities that are not willing to cooperate with the project.

**New Business:** The New Bloomfield Library has an event on the 19th of November and ask that PCEDA board members and if possible commissioners attend.

**Adjourn:** Frank Campbell made a motion to adjourn, Ed Barben seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without dissent at 9:56 AM