**Minutes of Board Meeting**

**September 12, 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, Scott Dunkelberger, Lindsey Hutchinson, Scott Fritz

**Virtual participants:** David Misner, Dee Anderson

**Staff:** Michelle Jones, Lisa Fickes

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Visitor:** Jason Finnerty

**Call to Order:**

The September 2024 PCEDA Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Roberts at 8:27

AM.

Patti McLaughlin motioned to add Scott Fritz to the PCEDA board, and Ed Barben seconded the motion.

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

Supervisors’ convention was Saturday the 7th of September. Andrew Bomberger is the new head of Tri-County Planning. County hazard mitigation plan will be discussed. Not many new plans, up to 56 for the year. The county is 6 plans below last year, there were 4 new lots submitted which are residential. New Bloomfield Penn Dot building will be torn down and rebuilt. Working with Timothy Mulhollen to use the driveway beside dollar general.

Picture Perry workgroup meetings. Ed/natural resource/community facility already met. Transportation/housing still to meet. Next round in January.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Dee Anderson presented the minutes of PCEDA’s meeting on August 8, 2024, which had been distributed to all board members in advance of today’s meeting. There was a motion by Ed Barben and Frank Campbell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Normal overhead for the month
* New $150,000.00 grant has been received.
* Paying off the line of credit for $33,000.00

**Chair Report:**

Marti Roberts reported as follows:

The reorganization project is moving forward. The committee met with the attorney and a board session is planned after this board meeting.

Sports complex RFP received three proposals. Went to the two closest companies that were closest to our budget to get a revision to get the numbers closer. Decision needs to be made by the 9th of September. Discussions were had about the pros and cons.

There was a motion by Rich Pluta, and Ed Barben seconded to accept the revised bid by Kimmel Bogrette. Frank Campbell recused himself.The motion was approved by a voice vote without dissent.

**Staff Report:**

Wayfinding committee formed, and a 501 c3 committee has been formed as well.

Fair board seems to be on board with moving forward. There will be a presentation at the next fair board meeting Oct 7th, 2024

Business Summit with all four school districts, and their superintendents on September 17th, 2024.

Discussion on how we can make a sustainable program and help the future leaders of our community.

Duncannon’s art installation is ready, Liverpool will probably be next.

Scott asks if we could apply for more facade money. Discussion was had about the time it takes to get through the process.

**Old Business:**

Buffalo Crossing, Dee asks what exactly is happening. Jason was to sent the plan they have submitted, but nothing is officially moving forward.

Lindsey Hutchinson asks if we were still considering the event trailer. We are still exploring the idea.

Industrial Development group has to go to the attorney general’s office to dissolve and disperse money. So, this will take a while.

**New Business:** Frank Campbell was at a breakfast with realtors from Perry, Cumberland and Dauphin County. We are ahead of the curve for assessment, and comprehensive plans. Residential property reassessments are all ready to go public. Commercial properties are up next.

**Adjourn:** Ed Barben moved to adjourn the meeting, Rich Pluta seconded the motion, and the motion was approved without dissent at 9:56 AM