



MINUTES

Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board & Networking Meeting March 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Krista Looman filled in as Chair of meeting due to absence of Heartwell, Chair and Johnson, Vice-Chair.

Looman called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Board Meeting to order at 10:32 am at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Jason Harris, Del Hirdes, Krista Looman, Cory Nelson, Steven Radtke, George Suchy
Absent: Ed Fedell, George Heartwell, Eric Johnson, Brooke Schaeffer

Others Present: Scott Faulkner, Dan Wheat, Colleen Lynema, Stephen Carlson, Aaron Leestma, John Buckley Jr., Julie Burrell, Scott Swinehart, Nick Looman, Roger Palmiter, Jon Schneider, Eric Kolesnikovas, Heather Allen

Motion by Nelson, second by Radtke to approve the 01/4/19 NEDO Board & Networking Meeting Minutes. AIF/MC

Master Plan Update for NEDO Board:

- A. Schneider stated that the Master Plan had been adopted. He said City will begin working on reviewing and updating Zoning Ordinances and anticipates that to be at least a two year process.
- B. Faulkner stated that the City is currently engaged in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Process through MEDC and is working towards certification. He stated that this will allow the opportunity for the City to apply for more grants.

ECDC Quarterly Report:

Faulkner gave an update on ECDC report that was handed out to all attendees. He discussed meeting that was held about Opportunity Zone. Faulkner gave an update on Public Engagement Meeting that was held on April 25th and discussed status of suspension bridge project. He stated that the City was awarded a grant for demolition of houses behind The Stream and he has met with a couple of developers that may be interested in that property. Faulkner gave an update on The Dragon Trail.

New Business:

- A. Schneider gave an update on MDOT Public Engagement Meeting. He stated that starting in July maintenance work will begin on M-37 Bridge. Schneider discussed traffic reconfiguration MDOT is planning north of Quarterline after bridge maintenance is completed in October.
- B. Nelson discussed various roads in Brooks Township and cost to widen roads and shoulder of roads. He asked about possible development behind Stream of 4 story building that would cause the fire department to need a ladder truck and where the money would come for that expense.
- C. Suchy stated that Garfield Master Plan was complete and they would begin working on Zoning Ordinances.

NEDO Project Updates Briefs:

- A. Schneider gave brief update on Walkability.
- B. Faulkner discussed Railside Property behind The Stream and stated that he has met with multiple developers. Faulkner and group discussed Vera Wilsie property and Faulkner stated this property is owned by Newaygo Public Schools. Nelson discussed need for condos in the area.
- C. Faulkner discussed Demolition Grant received for Railside Property behind The Stream and said he continues to work on the Grant for potential suspension bridges.

- D. Schneider stated that the City of Newaygo received a Façade Grant from MEDC for North Wood General Store and Market 41 and work should begin this summer.
- E. Faulkner discussed Penoyer Creek Daylighting Initiative study that is underway to determine stream temperature and fish passage potential.

New Business:

- A. Motion by Nelson, second by Radtke to recommend that City Council and or TIFA consider funding up to 10% of the cost of potential suspension bridges. AIF/MC Faulkner had shown pictures of potential bridges that engineering firm had provided and stated still working on permits from DEQ.
- B. Schneider discussed Powerhouse (Old Museum) Building. He stated that deed restriction in place that building needs to be utilized for community and discussions have occurred about possibly opening up as pavilion with deck on back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Looman, second by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 pm. AIF/MC

Acting NEDO Chair–Krista Looman

Recording Secretary-Kim Goodin