

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
July 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

EDC President Robert Forster called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, Thursday, July 14, 2022. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present at the meeting were EDC members Robert Forster, President, Tammy Dubbels, Suzette Arndt, Dolores Mueller, and Linda Blonn, member and secretary. Phil Anderson was absent.

After reviewing the June 9, 2022 meeting minutes, Bob Forster entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Suzette Arndt so moved, and Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

New business was discussed. Members motioned to have Robert Forster continue as President of the EDC. Tammy Dubbels so moved, and Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1. Members motioned to nominate Tammy Dubbels as the new EDC Vice President. Linda Blonn so moved, and Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1. Members nominated Suzette Arndt as the new EDC Secretary. Tammy Dubbels so moved, and Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Tammy Dubbels noted that she was able to purchase the new Town Hall outdoor bench at a discounted price from a company called Kirby Built. The savings to the EDC was \$423. Good job Tammy! There will be a fee for Orville Jefferson, Park Director, to purchase nuts/bolts to secure the bench. The fee is not known at this time, but the \$423 savings should more than cover it.

Facade Grant for Mulberry Tree Ministries was discussed. It was noted that they indicated that the contractor should begin work on the facility this month.

Tammy Dubbels went over the 2023 EDC budget. Laurie Tribble, Clerk Treasurer, will be preparing the budget for the EDC.

New picnic tables for Drazer Park was discussed. It was noted that the current tables are not in the best shape, and in need of repair. Tammy Dubbels obtained several quotes from Kirby Built, Game Time and U-Line for new picnic tables. There would be 10 for the pavilion, 8 for the gazebo, and 2 for the dog park. Kirby Built had the best pricing and quality at \$19,995 for the 20 total tables. After members discussed the matter, Dolores Mueller motioned to allocate \$4000.00 from the Park Department fund, and \$15995.00 from the Capital Outlay Fund, for a total of \$19,995.00 for the new picnic tables. Suzette Arndt seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Tammy Dubbels noted that Orville Jefferson got a quote from Bob Cauffman of Greenline Excavating to remove the cracked and crumbled concrete from the east side of the Drazer Park pavilion. The quote was for \$2200.00, and included removing the concrete and replacing it with black dirt and grass seed. After members discussed the matter, Suzette Arndt motioned to

approve \$2200.00 for Greenline Excavating to remove the concrete and replace it with black dirt and grass seed. Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

It was noted that the Drazer Park pavilion was in need of a paint job. Suzette Arndt stated she would contact the Kouts Lions Club to see if they would be willing to donate to that project. Tammy noted that she was in search of a drinking fountain for the park.

Old EDC business was discussed. It was noted that we are waiting on the Title paper work from Liberty Title for the new walking path at Hearthstone Village and Coyote Crossing.

2023 goals were discussed. Tammy noted that the Clerk Treasurer is looking into whether the town could use the Community Crossing grant for new town sidewalks on Daumer Road and Alice Street.

Orville Jefferson contacted a company about getting a quote for a basketball court at Drazer Park. He is waiting for a reply.

Dolores noted that she spoke with the Kouts School principal about summer school crossing guard. He indicated that students would be bussed in, so there would be no need, but thanked the EDC for our concern. He noted that summer school switches between all 3 East Porter County Schools, so it is only in Kouts every 3rd year.

Bob Forster entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Tammy so moved, and Suzette seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

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Robert Forster, President

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Tammy Dubbels

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Suzette Arndt

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Dolores Mueller

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Linda Blonn, Member & Secretary

