

**MEETING OF THE PEQUOT LAKES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Members Present: Chair Lindholm, Commissioners Clement, Crochet, Holley, Lelwica, Lubke, and Rieck,

Others Present: Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Assistant; Sheila Haverkamp, BLAEDC; Tyler Glynn, BLAEDC; Scott Pederson, City Council Liaison; Katie Wassermann, Pequot Chamber of Commerce; Marque Loeschen, Physical Therapy Student; Mark Jurchen

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lindholm at 8:02 a.m.

2. Approve EDC Minutes

COMMISSIONER LUBKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES. COMMISSIONER REICK SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

3. Work with the HRA on Housing Issues

Mr. Jurchen presented a list of implications and objectives in working with the HRA on housing for our community.

4. Business Park Infill

Mr. Jurchen presented a list of possibilities on how to promote the business park infill.

5. Heart of the Good Life Development

Mr. Jurchen presented a list of possible marketing objectives for the Heart of the Good Life Development.

COMMISSIONER HOLLEY MOVED TO ENDORSE MARK JURCHEN TO WORK ON THE BEHALF OF THE EDC WITH RESEARCH FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS. COMMISSIONER CROCHET SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0. (Commissioner Clement left early.)

6. Ballpark Levy Impact Analysis

Chair Lindholm stated the discussion regarding making the southern end of Heart of the Good Life Development be recreational field area has been going on for 2-3 years. Chair Lindholm stated the EDC was asked to do an analysis to research the cost of construction, operational costs and tax impact to the Pequot Lakes School District vs. City of Pequot Lakes taking on this project.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of this project will have on the Pequot Lakes area as well as financing and different options to get the project completed.

Commissioner Lelwica did some research and she inquired about the option of the city owning but renting the property to the school. Commissioner Lelwica has asked different contractors and/or business owners to donate or assist with the work. She suggested the project be completed with community volunteers, grant moneys, and possibly work with Sourcewell.

Chair Lindholm explained the difference between levy and bonding for the school district vs city funding. He stated that the School district financing would be separate for the construction/building vs operating costs. Building costs would come from a bond referendum, operating cost would come from a levy.

Commissioner Lubke gave a general breakdown what it cost for one baseball field within the City of Jenkins. Also, breakdown of the park cost with community assistance with initial construction. Maintenance cost is where most of the cost is. Hard cost of getting field started is very hard.

COMMISSIONER LELWICA MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE SCHOOL WORK WITH THE CITY TO DO A SURVEY TO BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING COMMUNITY OPINION FOR THIS PROJECT. HOLLEY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

7. School Update

Chair Lindholm stated there is no update for the school.

8. Chamber Update

Ms. Wasserman said the visitor guides are complete and have been delivered. Two Blue Ox Success Series are coming soon first on March 7th at Pequot Tool is Producing Conflict and then on March 14th at Breezy Point Resort which is the Five Keys of Professional Success.

9. BLAEDC Update

Ms. Haverkamp stated that the BLAEDC Annual meeting is on Monday February 25, 2019.

10. City of Jenkins Update

Commissioner Lubke stated the City Clerk is resigning March 1, 2019. Currently looking.

11. Other Business

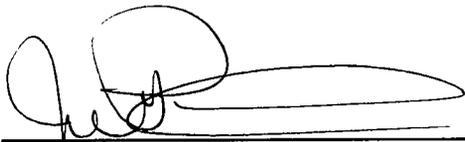
Chair Lindholm gave a description of the Greater Pequot Lakes Community Foundation.

Chair Lindholm also stated the Region Five Children's Museum is currently looking for properties possibly within the Pequot Lakes area.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, **COMMISSIONER REICK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER CROCHET SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Peterson
Administrative Assistant