

**MEETING OF THE PEQUOT LAKES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

Members Present: Chair Lindholm; Commissioners Crochet, Holly, Lelwica, Rieck attended virtually via Zoom; Commissioner Becklin attended in person.

Members Absent: Commissioners Lubke

Others Present: Angie Duus, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jennifer Peterson, Administrative Assistant; Tyler Glynn, BLAEDC and Katie Wasserman attended via zoom.

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Consider Agenda

COMMISSIONER RIECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BECKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ROLL CALL: LINDHOLM – AYE; CROCHET – AYE; HOLLEY – AYE; LELWICA – AYE; REICK – AYE; BECKLIN – AYE.

3. Approve EDC Minutes

Commission will approve the August 18, 2020 Economic Development Commission minutes at the October 20, 2020 meeting.

4. CARES Act Funding

Ms. Duus gave an overview of the expenditures the City is considering for our CARES Act funding.

5. Business Park Lot – Real Property Intended Use Extension – Dotty Holdings

Ms. Duus received a letter from Mr. John Dotty who is requesting a one-year extension to complete condition #3 (new office building) on the warranty deed for his Lot 1, Block 2, Pequot Lakes Industrial Park property due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mr. Dotty stated in his letter that construction would start first thing in the spring of 2021.

COMMISSIONER REICK MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE ONE YEAR EXTENTION TO COMPLETE CONDITION #3 ON THE WARRANTY DEED BY NOVEMBER 2, 2021. COMMISSIONER BECKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**ROLL CALL: LINDHOLM – AYE; CROCHET – AYE; HOLLEY – AYE;
LELWICA – AYE; REICK – AYE; BECKLIN – AYE.**

6. School Update

Chari Lindholm gave an overview of school starting: grades k-6 all day every day, secondary grades in school 2 days/distance learning 3 days per week; Cross Country and Tennis are going strong for sports; fall sports are starting to practice; construction is underway on the Echo building, however, bids are extremely high; and food and transportation services are going well.

Commissioner Becklin inquired about winter sports. Chair Lindholm stated he has only heard that there may be a 70% season at this point.

Commissioner Becklin inquired about teachers concerns on opening. Chair Lindholm stated that there has not been any strong pushback from teachers to open.

Chair Lindholm stated that he, the Board, and the business office are looking into funding for future years.

7. Chamber Update

Ms. Wasserman stated that the Chamber will be hosting a communitive forum for the General Election Mayoral and City Council Candidates at Breezy Point Resort on September 21st from 6-8pm. This event will be available via Live streaming.

Ms. Wasserman spoke to Josh with Cass County regarding opening up their applications again for the CARES Act Funding for any businesses in Cass County.

Ms. Wasserman stated the Chamber is still working on the plans for the Light the Night event.

8. BLAEDC Update

Mr. Glynn gave an overview of the CARES Act Funding applications, webinar via the Chamber and marketing of the program. They have received, as of today, 202 small business applications; 17 applications from Pequot Lakes businesses and 3 applications from businesses in Jenkins. On the Non-profit side of the funding, they have received 38 applications.

9. City of Jenkins Update

No City of Jenkins update.

10. Other Business

Commissioner Lelwica spoke regarding the September 29th meeting of the HOTGL Living committee.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Peterson
Administrative Assistant