

RDC May 2018 Minutes

The Beech Grove RDC met at City Hall on Thursday, May 10, 2018. The meeting starting at 7:05 pm (1905 hours). Members present included President, Don Webb, Vice President Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell and Tara Wolf.

A motion was made by Ron Mote to accept the minutes from the April 2018 meeting and seconded by Tara Wolf. The minutes were approved.

Next order of business was paying outstanding invoices. The amounts are as follows: Lewis & Kappes \$468.00. Tim Showalter \$225.00, Borgmann Enterprises \$240.00, Sewer Bill \$18.75, Peter's Consulting \$733.34, Kevin Parsons Design \$5000.00 and CrossRoads Engineers \$5560.00. A motion was made by Ron Mote to pay the above amounts and seconded by Cathy Chappell. The motion carried. A second motion was made by Ron Mote to pay the invoice to CrossRoads Engineers and seconded by Cathy Chappell. Because of a conflict, Tara Wolf did not vote on the motion to pay CrossRoads Engineers.

President Donald Webb read a letter from Jeff Peters, Peters Consulting, regarding TIF money. On December 31, 2017, the RDC had in their account \$569, 947.00. The letter explained why the RDC could not pay off the outstanding debt of \$1, 821, 640.00.

Kevin Parsons from Parsons Design, along with his designer John gave a presentation regarding the signage on the interstate off ramps. They made a few design changes and explained those changes. John mentioned there were overhead power lines and INDOT signage to deal with. There were comments regarding the design and Don Webb expressed his thoughts on how nice the design will be for travelers to see as they approach the community.

Cathy Chappell discussed her meeting with the former executive director of the Speedway RDC. His name is Scott Harris and he revised a form used by the Speedway RDC when companies and individuals request RDC funds. Mr. Harris now does consulting work and suggested the BG RDC consider hiring him to investigate property owned by the RDC that is very contaminated. He believes with research, it's possible to put the property to good use.

Secretary, Cathy Chappell met with Erika Vredevelde, President of the Carson's Farm homeowners association, whose property will be affected by the Franciscan Trail. There are approximately 15 homes located on the west side of the creek where the trail will be running by their backyards. The homeowners are concerned about safety and noise issues. The housing addition is under the impression the vacant land which borders the west side of the creek, which they maintain, is the property of the HOA. This is the location where the trail will pass through. However, Mayor Buckley stated the land was the property of the city of Beech Grove. Erika asked Cathy if it was possible for the trail to be on the east side of the creek. Cathy advised her to contact Trent from CrossRoads Engineering to get details.

Mayor Buckley said the north entrance to South Grove School would be repaired soon. He also asked the RDC to continue paying half the expenses for landscaping to Borgmann Enterprises. The total for the RDC would be \$1830.00 of which a portion had been paid. Don Webb made a motion to continue to help with the fee and it was seconded by Ron Mote. The motion carried.

Mayor Buckley indicated he should know more by May 23, about the sidewalks on the north side Thompson Road from Emerson Avenue to 9th Avenue.

The roundabout for Arlington Avenue and Churchman is on track and work can start after July 1, 2019.

Ron Mote asked Mayor Buckley about the two car lots at the corner of Main and Emerson. The lot on the northwest corner gets many tickets for parking in the alley. Mayor Buckley had a conversation with the owner about finding other parking locations for employees. The mayor suggested parking in front of the lot should be available for potential customers.

The city of Beech Grove has 4 square miles of roads. Beech Grove was awarded \$396,000.00 for paving but the amount was reduced to \$338,000.00. Because of the reductions, cities simply have to modify what they are going to do. Mayor Buckley says there are no plans to repair Thompson Road from Arlington Avenue to Shelbyville Road. It is not under the control of Beech Grove.

A motion was made by Tara Wolf to end the meeting, and it was seconded by Ron Mote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm (2013 hours).

The next meeting of the RDC is July 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary

