

RDC September 2018 Minutes

The September 13th meeting of the RDC took place at Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:05pm (1905 hours).

Members present included President Donald Webb, Vice President Ron Mote, Secretary Cathy Chappell, and members Tara Wolf, Mark Rihm and Paul Kaiser.

First order of business was the minutes from the August meeting. A motion was made by Ron Mote to accept the minutes and seconded by Tara Wolf. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda was voting on payments of outstanding bills. A motion was made to pay CrossRoads Engineers. Cathy Chappell made a motion to pay CrossRoads and it was seconded by Mark Rihm. The motion carried. Tara Wolf did not vote on the payment to CrossRoads. A motion was made by Ron Mote to pay the additional invoices for Borgmann Enterprises, Peters Financial Consultants, Lewis & Kappes, Tim Showalter, the sewer bill, and Regions Bank. Tara Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Parsons was the speaker for the evening. A discussion took place regarding the welcome signs to be installed by the exit ramps at I465 and Emerson Avenue. At a previous meeting a price was discussed at roughly \$75,000 to \$80,000 per each sign. The members also discussed a sign completely covering both sides of the overpass with the words "Beech Grove." That is not part of the current project being discussed. Landscaping was also mentioned and the possibility of using existing maps rather than having the property surveyed. The topic of maintaining the signs was brought up and President Webb stated the RDC can create, but not maintain so there is a concern the property would always be taken care of. Don suggested that our Attorney, Robert Rund look over the agreement before voting on the project.

Mayor Buckley gave a report on what is going on in the community.

1. The Mayor said we need to come to some type of agreement regarding confidential information showing up on Facebook. At this time, we have no

idea how the RDC account was hacked. We know who posted the info, we just don't know how it was accessed.

2. The Mayor will be attending a meeting with St. Francis regarding the development of the property. This transaction will take place in 2019. He would like an RDC member to attend because it is in a TIF District.
3. The trailhead will be installed at 16th and Albany for the Greenway.
4. CSX is wanting to sell their property and have been working with IDEM cleaning it up. The mayor stated the property is also in a TIF District and once again the RDC should be involved. A very reputable company is interested in the purchase.
5. INDOT is still interested in a small train station at the BG Maintenance Facility. It will be east of Emerson Avenue and connected to a TIF area. INDOT would be absorbing 90% of the expense. Mayor Buckley would like to have two RDC members attend an upcoming meeting at his office about the train station.
6. The Greenway will go out for bid after July 2020.
7. \$65,000.00 out of the RDC budget is for the Greenway in 2019.
8. The roundabout project is going to take place and the Thompson Road project may get started sooner than currently scheduled.

The Mayor's Dinner is scheduled for October 6 at the Community Center. It is a fund raiser for the Sarah Bolton Park. All RDC members and a guest are invited to attend. There is no fee for the dinner. Monies raised will be for new playground equipment.

Secretary Cathy Chappell read a letter she composed regarding how a small, "under the radar" meeting took place on July 25 at BG City Hall. The only RDC member attending was President Don Webb. Paul Kaiser, a non-voting member of the RDC was in attendance representing the school board. Others present included RDC Attorney Robert Rund, his assistant, Jeff Peters, the RDC financial advisor and school board member Aaron Lamb. The meeting was about TIF money. Cathy expressed her anger that other RDC members were not advised a meeting was even taking place and although it was considered more of a meeting organized by the school board, the RDC paid the fees for Robert Rund and Jeff Peters. Dr. Paul Kaiser said he never intended for the RDC to pay any of the fees and would be reimbursing the RDC the \$1219.64. President Don Webb apologized and said he did not handle the meeting properly.

A motion was made by Tara Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm (2007 hours)
and seconded by Mark Rihm. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell