

RDC – February 20, 2014

The Beech Grove RDC met at City Hall on Thursday, February 20, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Mote. Other members present included Secretary Cathy Chappell, Janis King, Tammy Storey, Don Webb and the newest member, Terry Bellner.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted.

Election of officers took place and Donald Webb was elected President, Ron Mote was reelected Vice President and Cathy Chappell was reelected Secretary. They were elected by unanimous vote.

President Webb contacted Brad Beaubien from the Marion County Planning Consortium to get a clearer understanding of their purpose. It is a group of people sharing information about how to improve our communities and in some instances, work together. It was suggested by Don that two RDC members plan to attend the monthly meetings.

Pres. Webb was in contact with Doug at Hull and Associates about the borings on the Rock Pile. Doug said they can do the work in about 2 to 3 weeks, but asked that the RDC initial the bill of \$13,126.00 and fax it to the office. Don took time to explain details of the Rock Pile to our newest member, Terry Bellner. He also discussed the Brownfield Grant which expires in April 2014. He explained the NRP Group would know February 27 whether or not they were successful in their attempt to build on the Rock Pile. If they are not successful, the RDC will attempt to secure a business interested in building and relocating to the property.

Cathy brought up the fact that the city has been paying a monthly bill to IPL in the amount of \$320.00. This is for the wireless service which is not functioning. As of March, the RDC will be responsible for the bill. City Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan said he can arrange for the equipment to be taken down by a company called Meade. This can be arranged through IPL. As soon as IPL is given the go ahead, they will stop billing the \$320.00 monthly fee. It was also stated that any money recouped from the sale of wireless equipment will belong to the RDC.

Mayor Dennis Buckley and city attorney Craig Wiley were also present at the meeting. Mr. Wiley was there to assist members in understanding the attorney bills presented to the RDC at the January 2014 meeting. It was explained to the members the city attorney has the ability to contact law firms regarding matters directly connected to the RDC. The RDC is responsible for the fees. Having learned of this statute for the first time, the RDC has agreed to pay all the fees to Lewis & Kappes regarding landfill matters. The RDC however, would like more details from Ice Miller regarding the invoice we received.

More details were discussed regarding the landfill and it is apparent the property is useless because of all the contamination. Mr. Wiley has been researching options of what to do with the 18 acres.

There is still some questionable fees from Ice Miller and it was determined that the RDC should find out exactly what the charges are for, and then pay the Ice Miller bill as opposed to paying only what we have determined is our responsibility as of today.

Once again RDC members talked about the various projects mentioned at previous meetings: flipping houses, setting guidelines for the facades of commercial properties on Main Street, paving alleys, building an amphitheater in the park. Pres. Webb suggested each member bring an idea to the March meeting of a project for the RDC to consider.

Rick Greenfield, a member of the Scott Veerkamp Realtors, spoke about ideas to bring new businesses and residents to the community. The RDC thought he had some great ideas and hope to discuss his suggestions at the March meeting. His ideas also included a way to increase revenue not only for the RDC, but also the city.

Discussion continued regarding ideas to improve the city and make the community a better place in which to live and work.

A motion was made and seconded to end the meeting. All members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Chappell, Secretary