

RDC - December 19, 2013

The December 19th meeting of the Beech Grove RDC was held at the Community Center. Those present included President Joe Griffin, Secretary Cathy Chappell, Janis King and Donald Webb. The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

First order of business was the reading of the October minutes. Joe Griffin clarified two comments read in the minutes: he is only under the assumption any money made regarding the sale of digital city equipment will go to the city, secondly, Joe wanted to make clear the appraisal of the rock pile presented to the RDC by former President John Morgan was made when Joe Wright was Mayor. The second appraisal was made with Dennis Buckley as mayor. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Donald Webb and seconded by Janis King.

No reports were made regarding NRP or Bill 433 regarding abandoned property.

David Farris has expressed an interest in opening up a microbrewery and has expressed a desire in renting or purchasing property in Beech Grove. Joe Griffin has been communicating directly with him. Joe said he put him in touch with realtor Dawn Whalen, but she did not show him any property he was not already aware of. While we were at the meeting, Janis King sent an email to Mr. Farris to gather more information, however, she did not hear back from him by the end of the evening.

A large bill from Ice Miller law firm was presented to the RDC but all members present agreed to not pay the bill until we find out what each and every fee represents. It appears to the RDC we are being asked to pay for communication regarding conversations unrelated to the RDC.

Not only was there a bill presented to the RDC from Ice Miller, there was a second bill presented to the RDC from the firm of Lewis & Kappes. It was noted that Craig Wiley, the Beech Grove city attorney works for Lewis & Kappes. President Joe Griffin said the combined bills total around
\$19,000.00

A motion was made by Donald Webb to not pay either bill until we have more details and seconded by Janis King. Another discussion regarding both bills will take place at the January meeting.

Donald Webb brought up the topic of asking Mary Hada and the NRP to agree to pay for the borings on the rock pile, if indeed their grant goes through. It was suggested we go ahead and get the wheels in motion and have Hull and Associates do the borings. Janis King suggested we contact other companies that can do the borings and get some other bids on the project. All RDC members agree that if NRP agrees to pay, we will want the agreement in writing. Worst case scenario, even if the RDC has to pay for the borings, the fee will count towards the Brownfield's Grant. President Joe Griffin agreed to contact Hull & Associates and go ahead and get it scheduled. Donald Webb agreed to contact Mary Hada.

The topic of the landfill came up and President Joe Griffin explained the property is contaminated and has not only affected Lick creek, but an underground creek as well. Mr. Moorehouse donated the property to the city and the city donated the property to the RDC for the creation of a sports center. It is unlikely the property will ever be developed because the cost of cleaning up the property would be too expensive.

President Joe Griffin announced there is a combined meeting of organizations in Marion County to talk about the current projects going on in each community.

The meeting will take place mid Jan 2014. He once again expressed his desire to have various groups in the community working together for the various projects for the city of Beech Grove. Janis suggested Joe email various organizations, such as the school board, to discuss the upcoming meeting and if they would like to participate. Joe said he planned to attend the meeting.

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

