

RDC Minutes February 17, 2022

The Beech Grove RDC met on the 2nd floor of City Hall on Thursday, Feb. 17. The meeting started at 7:00pm (1900 hours). Members attending included President Matthew Kochevar, Secretary Cathy Chappell, Nathan Rinks, Pete Piazza, and School Board Rep. Rob Challis. Vice President Liz Lamping was not able to attend.

First order of business was the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Pete Piazza. The motion passed.

Next order of business was the docket. An invoice was presented in the amount of \$157,000.00 from Cohen and Malad for the purchase of the property that will be a parking facility and \$806.00 for the law firm of Lewis-Kappes. A motion was made by Cathy Chappell to pay both these amounts and the motion was seconded by Matthew Kochevar.

KW Equipment, a business that recently relocated to Beech Grove wanted to introduce themselves. Mr. Jim McWilliams, owner and Bob Peterson, CFO discussed the future of the company. They purchased the property formerly known as Newcomer Lumber. They are a petroleum equipment supply company. To date roughly \$3000.00 of improvements have been made to the BG location. They would like to return to the RDC in the future to perhaps have more information regarding a financial grant.

The following motion was presented by President Matthew Kochevar. This motion is 2022-01.

I move that the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$81,000 to provide for half of the cost required to be expended by the City of Beech Grove for road reconstruction projects to receive a Community Crossing Matching Grant to pay for the remaining cost of the project.

Mayor Buckley spoke about the repaving grant. On Feb. 28 it will be awarded to a company. The dollar amount is between \$350,000.00 and \$400,000.00.

Approximately 115 acres at Garstang and Big Four Road has been sold but no immediate plans to build on the property.

Mayor Buckley also announced the Emporium has been vacated and work is taking place inside. He is not sure who will be moving into the building.

April 1 is the groundbreaking for the new police department. All properties have been secured. Two variances are needed.

At 25th and Churchman and environmental study will take place. This is regarding the roundabout.

The Franciscan Trail will be formally opened on April 15 at 1pm.

Mayor Buckley also said there are two companies interested in moving into Beech Grove. One is a pharmaceutical company. He was not sure about the second.

Zinkan & Barker purchased the property where the Safeway Grocery and Country Inn Restaurant are located. They have not determined how the property will be developed at this time.

Mr. Trent Newport, from Crossroads' Engineering did a brief presentation about Phase 2 of the trailways. For the time being it is being called Hornet Greenway. For the most part it will be on school property. The design cost is \$373,000.00 and is billed monthly, construction costs at \$422,000.00 and inspection at \$265,000.00.

Regarding the design fee the city has asked to divide the fee 3 ways, the city, the RDC and the school corporation would share the express.

During the discussion Mr. Rob Challis expressed his concern about the danger of crossing Emerson Avenue to continue walking to Phase 2. A bridge crossing Emerson was mentioned but it is not financially possible. Trent did however say he would drive to that area in the early afternoon and observe the walking traffic.

Matthew asked for public comments. Cathy Chappell made a motion to adjourn, Matthew Kochevar seconded, and the motion passed. The time was 7:56p.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary