

Minutes from the January 20, 2022 RDC Meeting

The first meeting of the new year was held on the second floor of Beech Grove City Hall. The meeting started at 7:00 pm and ended at 8:03pm.

Members present included President, Matthew Kochevar, Vice President, Liz Lamping, Nathan Rinks, and new member Pete Piazza. The School Board Rep, Rob Challis and RDC Secretary, Cathy Chappell did not attend.

First order of business was the election of officers for the 2022 year. Liz Lamping nominated Matthew Kochevar for President, Nathan Rinks nominated Liz Lamping for Vice President and Nathan Rinks nominated Cathy Chappell for Secretary. The nominees accepted. The vote was unanimous for all three. Those members elected will serve one year as officers of the RDC.

A motion to accept the November 18, 2021, minutes was made by Nathan Rinks and seconded by Liz Lamping. The motion was approved. The docket presented for outstanding invoices at the November meeting totaled \$302,236.00. The companies owed money included: Robertson Paving, Lewis – Kappes and Regions Bank. A motion to pay the above amount was made by Liz Lamping and seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion passed.

President Kochevar also announced that the bond issue was completely paid. As of January 20, 2022, the RDC is debt free.

The following are projects and ideas being discussed by the RDC:

- Possible future amphitheater
- Repairing a drainage problem at the Community Center
- Assisting the parks department with future projects
- Developing the 3rd and Main Street Project
- Redevelopment of the Safeway Property
- Updating the RDC's development plan

The RDC has already authorized reimbursement of the city up to \$157,000 for acquiring 102 Main Street for parking for the police/public.

Mayor Buckley addressed the RDC on the following city matters:

Pursuing a matching grant to reconstruct certain city roads and request the RDC assist the city in matching the funding needed to get the grant.

A new company to Beech Grove, KWECO, 201 Bethel would like to attend the February RDC meeting.

The Safeway property goes up for auction starting January 31.

Franciscan Trail and a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 15, 2022.

Soon discussions will take place about Phase 2 of the greenway.

Rieth-Riley was awarded the bid for the Thompson Trail construction.

Construction of the new police department will start in the spring.

During public comments, Mr. Sam Zinkan, part owner of a development company, spoke about his company's interest in the Safeway property. He and his business partner would like to discuss and work with the RDC on how best to development the property if they are successful in their bid.

President Matthew Kochevar read from Forbes Magazine that Beech Grove, Indiana is ranked the 4th best city to live in; cost of housing, good schools, places to eat and more.

A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to adjourn, and it was seconded by Pete Piazza.
The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Chappell, Secretary