

The Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission

September 16, 2021, Minutes

The meeting took place on the 2nd floor of Beech Grove City Hall and started at 7:00 pm (1900 hours). Members included President Matthew Kochever, Vice President Liz Lamping, Secretary Cathy Chappell, James Siegman, Nathan Rinks and Rob Challis, the School Board Rep.

First order of business was voting on the minutes from the August 19, 2021. A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by James Siegman. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the docket. Only two invoices; Lewis-Kappes and Peters-Franklin. Together they totaled \$2,964.04. A motion was made by Nathan Rinks to accept the docket, seconded by Liz Lamping. The motion carried.

First on the agenda for old business was more discussion on the RDC funding the purchase of real estate to create approximately 50 more parking spaces for the police and the public. The location is 102 Main Street. Five different appraisals were secured. Should the owner of the property not accept the appraisal, according to Attorney Robert Rund the decision regarding the price could end up in court, either by a bench trial or jury trial.

Liz Lamping, Ben Easley and Mr. Campbell met to discuss what had been named Billboard Park. There was discussion on the possibility of the ground being donated to the RDC or some other not for profit organization. Mr. Campbell would prefer to not call the area at 3rd and Main Billboard Park. For the time being, the RDC will refer to the area as 3rd and Main Project.

Under New Business, Vice President Liz Lamping, along with Mr. Ben Easley discussed a recent long-term plan from the Parks Department. Liz along with President Kochevar expressed a desire to keep up to date on what's going on with the park and perhaps the RDC can get involved with some projects.

Mr. Jeff Peters from Peters-Franklin presented hard copies to all members regarding the 2022 RDC Budget. This budget will be presented by President Kochevar at the October 18, 2021, City Council Budget Meeting. The budget reads as follows; Bond Payment \$131,560.00, Infrastructure and Projects \$1,240,000.00, Hornet Park \$200,000.00, LED Lights \$40,000.00, and Professional Services \$50,000.00. The grand total is \$1,661,560.00.

A motion was made by Matthew and seconded by Nathan to accept the proposed budget. The motion carried.

President Matthew Kochevar made the following motion.

I move that Matthew Kochevar, President and Member of the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission and Robert Rund, legal counsel for the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission, be permitted to jointly contact firms known to have experience in assisting redevelopment commissions in creating and/or amending redevelopment plans, gather necessary information about engaging their services to assist the Beech Grove Redevelopment Commission in amending it's comprehensive plan, and report back to Redevelopment Commission with a recommendation on which firm or firms to contact and invite to make presentations and be interviewed by the Commission, and with a recommendation on the extent of the services the Commission should ask the selected firm to provide.

This motion was seconded by Nathan Rinks. The motion passed.

Matthew said our dues for RAI are \$125.00. Matthew made a motion to pay the membership fee and Nathan seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Buckley discussed briefly the following information.

The RDC will present the 2022 Budget on Oct 18

INDOT will award the bid for the Thompson Trail on October 13

CrossRoads has moved into their new building.

Jeff Mader has been hired to redo the Main St. landscaping

Franciscan Trial is to be completed in November 2021.

A company has inquired about leasing the landfill. More info to follow.

A variance hearing for CSX property is on October 6

A motion was made by Liz to adjourn and seconded by Nathan. The motion passed at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Chappell, Secretary