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Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board & Networking Meeting June 28, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

George Heartwell called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Board Meeting to order at 10:32 am at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Armstrong, Ed Fedell, Jason Harris, George Heartwell, Del Hirdes, Krista Looman, Cory Nelson, Steven Radtke,
Absent: Brooke Schaeffer, George Suchy

Others Present: Scott Faulkner, Dan Wheat, Colleen Lynema, John Buckley Jr., Julie Burrell, Morgan Heinzman, Jon Schneider, Scott Swinehart, Nick Looman, Matt Kooiman, Gabe Schillman, Kim Goodin

Motion by Armstrong, second by Looman to approve the 03/29/19 NEDO Board & Networking Meeting Minutes.
AIF/MC

Master Plan Update for NEDO Board:

- A. Schneider stated that the Master Plan had been adopted. He said the City will begin reviewing and updating Zoning Ordinances and anticipates this process could take at least a year or two years.
- B. Faulkner stated that the City is currently engaged in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Process through MEDC and is working towards certification. He stated that this will allow the opportunity for the City to apply for more grants. Faulkner discussed the Economic Development Strategy that was included in packets focusing on the preservation of small town way while accommodating growth, the City's identity and direction, Newaygo's built environment and five pillars of Economic Development. Board Members discussed and suggested slight changes.
- C. Motion by Hirdes, second by Looman to recommend to City Council the approval of Economic Development Strategy with amendments discussed today. AIF/MC

ECDC Quarterly Report:

Faulkner gave an update on ECDC report that was handed out to all attendees. He discussed City Tree Initiative, status of suspension bridge project, downtown extension project concept being discussed, and new Stream Operations Model. Faulkner stated that Christina Healthcare Centers voted unanimously to select Newaygo as their first rural location.

New Business:

- A. Schneider gave an update on M-37 Bridge Construction Project that MDOT will start on July 8, 2019 with estimated completion date of first part of October. He stated that M-37 is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2021.
- B. Faulkner stated that waiting on FERC approval for the Dragon Trail.
- C. Heinzman discussed 4th of July festivities in Croton.

NEDO Project Update Briefs:

- A. Faulkner stated that the City has been approached by developers that are potentially interested in Newaygo.
- B. Faulkner discussed status of potential grant for suspension bridge amount.
- C. Faulkner stated that the Housing Task Force is exploring options to establish a Housing Trust Fund.
- D. Faulkner stated that Muskegon River Inn Project masonry work has begun and that work on North Wood General Store will begin in the near future.

- E. Faulkner said that the Muskegon River Watershed has been working on Daylighting Initiatives for dams located in the City of Newaygo.

New Business/Projects

- A. Schneider and Faulkner discussed Powerhouse (Old Museum) Building and stated that deed restrictions are in place and this building can be utilized only for community. Faulkner stated he is researching grant opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Looman, Executive Director of 3R Environmental Education, gave an update on recycling sites located in Newaygo County.
Group discussed exploring options to expand Art locations and Art events in the community.

BOARD COMMENTS

Fedell stated that Johnson had resigned from the NEDO Board due to a new job which conflicts with meeting dates and time. He said that Johnson's position needs to be filled by a resident of Newaygo.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm. AIF/MC

NEDO Chair–George Heartwell

Recording Secretary-Kim Goodin