

**Village of Justice
Economic Planning Board Meeting
7800 S. Archer Road, Justice, IL 60458
Minutes of Thursday, April 16, 2015**



The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM

ROLL CALL:

Economic Development Coordinator Brittany Abrams called the roll. Present are Chairman Matthew Zarebczan, Board Members: Orley O. Betcher Jr., John Kapecki, Fran Mills. Joseph Davern Jr., and Mariola Zygmunt. Not in attendance Wojciech Dziechciowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 regular Economic Planning Board meeting as submitted or if necessary as corrected.

MOTION: Fran Mills. Moves: To approve the minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Joseph Davern Jr.

VOTE: Orley Bethcer Jr., John Kapecki, Fran Mills, Joseph Davern Jr., and Mariola Zygmunt. All ayes. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Matthew Zarebczan announced the new home occupations and new businesses in Justice for the year 2015. Home occupations approved by the Village Board as of April 2015 are: Blooming Tree Facility, Hobby Super Store. Businesses approved are: Machos Tacos, In the Cut, Monumental Artwork, Ajax Heating and Air Conditioning. Business applications received and in the process of approval are an existing business Gim Bow with a new owner, Dollar Plus with tobacco license, and Coast to Coast Contracting.

There was interest by a second developer who advised he has some national interest for the Triangle Site "TIF #3." Previously a Durbin's breakfast café, Stella's Video gaming, and Checkers were some proposals that were made by an existing developer from some months back. There also has been some interest by a developer to purchase the abandoned gas station at 8801 W. 84th Place.

Two of the Economic Development Signs are now placed on the site near 88th Avenue and 83rd Street (TIF #2).

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Just a reminder that there will be a continued Zoning Board hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 @ 7PM to review the adjacent neighbor notification documents required for the Special Use Permit Application of WCCC, LLC to operate a Medical Cannabis Dispensing Organization at 8340 S. Roberts Road in Justice.

CORRESPONDANCE:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Retention & Expansion-

Brittany and Matt completed five business visits. The main concern gathered from the feedback with the businesses on Roberts Road was their problems with the street flooding. In the upcoming months Justice will be working on the sewers along Roberts Road and immediately following the county will place a new storm sewer down the center of Roberts Road in hopes to assist with these flooding issues. Another issue is the county taxes for tobacco products. Businesses are losing revenue and customers are not purchasing tobacco locally. Customers are going to surrounding counties to purchase tobacco at a far less cost than that in Cook County.

OLD BUSINESS:

37 Flower Pots were ordered and delivered to the Building Department for the 2015 spring season. Justice Chamber of Commerce will be donating the logos for the flower pots. Orley Betcher Jr., of Betcher Landscaping, will be planting and distributing the flower pots by May 15, 2015; weather permitting. The planning board would like to thank those businesses who are involved in supporting the "Building Justice Together" Flower Pot program: A-Z Enterprises, Inc., Betcher Landscaping, Czarnik Memorials, D&R Hauling, E&S Restoration Inc., E&M Food & Liquors, Fasano's Pizza, Harris Management, Indian Springs School District 109, Justice Park District, Justice Public Library, Justice Town Square, State Farm Insurance, Szarotka Restaurant, Village of Justice Board of Trustees, and West Suburban Water Commission.

Another follow-up meeting was held with Pace on Friday, April 10, 2015 to discuss transportation options and funding. The three options that were discussed were a Park n Ride, a Circular Route, and a Call n Ride. Currently the project is in the planning phase.

Brittany Abrams has been working on a Developer's Handbook which includes: Contact Information for utilities and village, demographic and statistic reports, development sites and commercial sites, maps, and permit pricing. Once approved this will be given to interested developers which can be used as a reference guide.

The Chair will entertain a Motion: To present the Developer's Handbook to the Board of Trustees at the upcoming Committee Meeting.

MOTION: Fran Mills. Moves:

SECOND: Mariola Zygmunt

VOTE: Orley Bethcer Jr., John Kapecki, Fran Mills, Joseph Davern Jr., and Mariola Zygmunt. All ayes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

GSI Energy Company made a presentation to the Board of Trustees explaining the options in updating street lights to LED. At this time GSI is conducting an energy

audit of street lights located within the village to create a business plan that will be presented to the Village Board.

CGI Communications presented the Mayor and Board of Trustees with an advertising opportunity for businesses located within the Village. The opportunity consists of providing Vinyl Banners for the street poles on the main corridors within the Village. This will be of no cost to the village and banners are guaranteed to be replaced if damaged over time and/or if weathered. The size of the banner would be 30x60 inch. The top 67% would be designed by the village and the bottom 33% would be available for a business sponsor to advertise their establishment. Up to 30 banners could be provided if there is enough sponsors who are interested. CGI communications will be soliciting local businesses with this opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The Chair will entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Orley O. Betcher Jr.

SECOND: Fran Mills

VOICE VOTE: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Abrams

Economic Development