MEETING MINUTES

# Mt. Pulaski Economic Advisory Board

## March 24, 2018 at 8:00 am

## Meeting location: 106 South Washington Street, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548 Meeting type: Committee meeting / community meeting

PRESENT: Hillary Cherry, Tom Martin, Shaun Tyson, Tim Emrick

ABSENT: Renee Martin

GUESTS: public (please see separate sign in sheet)

Tom Martin called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Tom Martin started the meeting with introductions of all Economic Advisory Board members and discussed the purpose of the Economic Advisory Board and the strategic goals of the board.

Tom Martin then discussed that the purpose of the community meeting today was to start to get ideas and feedback from the public on square beautification.

The following ideas were brought forward from the public:

* Make the grass area on square useable (Andrew Neaville)
* Fix the accessibility issues with the concrete wall by possibly adding steps or reducing the height of the wall all around the square (Andrew Neaville)
* Narrow intersections and use it for something else so it isn’t so difficult to cross (Andrew Neaville)
* Better accessibility for bikes and possibly adding bike racks (Andrew Neaville)
* Student council will be at the courthouse and asked if we could come up with (Barb)
* Hang the banners that the City has stored in their basement (Phyllis Beccue)
* Decorate the entire square with seasonal decorations especially Christmas. The City may still have old Christmas decorations. (Phyllis Beccue)
* The Boy Scouts were brought up as a possibility to assist with clean up and planting flowers. However, they will need money for supplies as needed. (Pam Erlenbush)
* Putting an electronic message board where the existing Mt. Pulaski sign was mentioned. (Bill)
* Adding signage on the outskirts of town to catch people before they get to town was mentioned. (Kella Allspach)
* The event calendar was discussed and creating a printed version in addition to the online version for businesses to distribute including hotels in surrounding areas.
* What community events can we have to bring people in to town? Bringing back the soap box derby and movies for kids was brought up to make Mt. Pulaski a family friendly community. (Greg Maus)
* 2nd Friday night event was discussed by Tom Martin and Kella Allspach.
* Healthcare was brought up and mentioned that Springfield Clinic bring in a lot of outside people to the town.
* More door-to-door communications was suggested to get information out to the public. (Pam Erlenbush)

Shaun Tyson discussed grocery store research.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Cherry, Secretary