MEETING MINUTES

# Mt. Pulaski Economic Advisory Board

## April 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm

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

PRESENT: Hillary Cherry, Tom Martin, Shaun Tyson, Tim Emrick, Renee Martin and City of Mt. Pulaski Representative, Matt Bobell

ABSENT: none

GUESTS: Allen Schaal, Sean Park, John Gruidl

Shaun Tyson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call was taken with six (6) present. The following guests were present: Allen Schaal, Sean Park, and John Gruidl

**Meeting minutes**

Reviewed meeting minutes from April 9, 2018. Motion by Shaun Tyson to approve the minutes with the stated change and second by Renee Martin. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s report**

None presented for this month.

**Public comments**

None

**New business**

Rules of Governing Public Comments was presented for review. Tom Martin to review and make changes to fit the Economic Advisory Board and bring to the next meeting.

Committee reports:

* Community grants:
  + Renee Martin gave a report on the grant application status. Renee will make a few changes to the application as noted by the board. A motion to move forward with noted changes by Hillary Cherry and a second by Shaun Tyson. Motion passed.
* Website development:
  + Currently in discovery phase of the project and Hillary is working with Business Builders on content.
* Business development and retention:
  + Shaun Tyson discussed the grocery store situation. Shaun introduced Sean Park who discussed the food cooperative opportunity. Sean and John Gruidl discussed the co-op of want vs the co-op of need and discussed different types of co-op opportunities. They also discussed a marketing study that could be done and a pre-market study which would include retail sales by category of grocery. Motion to go with the pre-market study and table the market study discussion until May 14 meeting by Hillary Cherry and second by Renee Martin. Motion passed.
* Town square renovation and development:
  + Tom Martin brought up Market Days being on the 2nd Friday evening of each month from May through September on the square. The Economic Advisory Board will need to be present at these events. Tom asked that the board consider donating $1,000 to the Market Days project to promote local businesses, encourage overall economic growth and encourage public involvement. Tom discussed the need for porta potties and obtaining a liquor license. Tim Emrick stated that the City of Lincoln would let us borrow Jenga and other kids’ activities for our Market Days.

**Old business**

The water co-op meeting was briefly discussed. There were 41 community members were in attendance.

**Misc. business**

Next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2018, at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Renee Martin and second by Tom Martin to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hillary Cherry, Secretary