



The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create shared prosperity in our community by retaining, sustaining, and enhancing existing businesses and community organizations; attracting and developing new businesses; and improving and upgrading infrastructure.

Minutes

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 6:15 pm

Location: Longview Community Center, 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski, IL 62548

- 1) Call to Order: Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.
- 2) Roll Call: Present are Andrew Meister, Doug Johnson, Erin Wyss, Tracy Pulliam, and administrator, Deanna Howard. Ben arrived after the meeting began. Tiffany Justice and Corey Leonard were absent.
- 3) Introduction of guests: Amanda Scattergood, Kate Davis, Pam Larson
- 4) Approval of Consent Agenda-payments and minutes: **Erin motioned to approve the payments and minutes. Doug seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye. Erin-aye. Doug-aye, Tracy-aye. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5) Treasurer Report: Deanna presented the treasurer's report.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Market on the Hill: Amanda presented a profit and loss report for the Market on the Hill and explained that the Market is barely breaking even. They have had to use funds to cover payroll and are struggling to replenish inventory.
Andy requested that the Market on the Hill board submit an assistance request application.
EDPB members would also like to see P&L statements for previous years.
Amanda also talked about adding a tourist attraction to the square to draw more people into the community.
- 7) New Business:
 - a) Application Review
 - i) Hilltop Club Fall Festival: Andy read the application, adding that since the rock wall was such a good hit last year, they added another day to this year's rental. **Ben motioned to approve the \$9000 donation to the Hilltop Club Fall Festival from line 02-401, and Doug seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Doug-aye, Tracy-aye, Ben-aye, Erin-aye.**
 - ii) Don Maxheimer-Mural: **Ben motioned to table the grant request from Don Maxheimer for Holmes Garage for more information, and Tracy seconded the motion. All present members voted "aye."**

- iii) CAMP-Flowerpots: **Tracy motioned to approve \$1000 for the summer flowerpot donation out of Business District budget line item 01-601. Doug seconded the motion. . Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Doug-aye, Tracy-aye, Ben-aye, Erin-aye.**
- iv) CAMP-2nd Fridays: **Erin motioned to recommend that the city council approve this from the Business District budget line item 01-601. Ben seconded the motion.**
 Tracy noted that the application included purchasing picnic tables. EDPB donated funds to the Hill Top club to purchase tables for community events. **Erin amended the motion that we recommend that the Business District fund pay \$2,290 from budget line item 01-601, removing the picnic tables because we have already purchased tables for the community's use. Ben seconded the amendment. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Doug-aye, Tracy-aye, Ben-aye, Erin-aye.**
- v) Mt Pulaski Public Library-Fence: Kate Davis attended to represent the library for the application to fence the property the library purchased to enable outdoor activities. They would like to use a combination of a privacy fence to shield the property from the neighbors and a chain link fence for visibility and accessibility. Gates for chain link fencing are a more economical option for this project. This project will also add off-street parking for library patrons. They are obliged to accept the lowest, most responsible bid.
Tracy motioned to approve a \$10,000 donation to the Mt Pulaski Public Library for installation of a fence on their adjacent property out of community donation funds under the line item 02-400. Doug seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andrew-aye, Doug-aye, Erin-aye, and Tracy-aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- vi) MPAA-Frazier Park: Pam Larson was present to discuss the application from the Mt Pulaski Athletic Association for additional items for Frazier Park, including benches, bleachers, a popcorn machine, a stainless-steel cabinet, and a scoreboard. **Erin motioned to recommend that the \$4961.30 estimated for the scoreboard be submitted to the city council to be paid out of the Business District Tax fund budget line 01-801. Ben seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Erin-aye, Doug-aye, Tracy-aye, Ben-aye. Motion passed unanimously.**
Erin motioned that the remaining items be a donation to the MPAA from the EDPB Community Fund budget item 02-500 for \$14,000. Ben seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Andy-aye, Doug-aye, Tracy-aye, Ben-aye, Erin-aye. The motion passed unanimously.
 If these items are purchased using the City of Mt Pulaski's tax-exempt certificate and invoiced to the city, the EDPB will reimburse the City General Fund.
- 8) Other Business/Non-Agenda Items: Amanda presented receipts for Heart of the Hill and gave updates on her NFP.
 Kate Davis inquired about an application she had emailed for Industry Fitness to purchase an AED Plus for the gym. This was in the EDPB spam folder and did not make it on the agenda. Although the board did not vote, they agreed that it could qualify for Business District Tax funds.
- 9) Executive Session: none
- 10) Next Meeting: May 13, 2026, 6:15 PM
- 11) Adjournment: **Tracy motioned to adjourn at 7:43 pm, and Ben seconded the motion. All present members voted "aye."** The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm