**Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board**

 **Meeting Minutes**

*The mission of the Mount Pulaski Economic Development and Planning Board is to improve the quality of life and create a 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.*

**Date: March 15, 2022**

**Location: 124 S Washington St, Mt Pulaski IL 62548**

**Meeting Type: Special meeting to offer funding to YMCA Summer Program**

1. Call to Order.

 Andrew Meister called to order the regular meeting of the Mt Pulaski EDPB at 6:19 PM

1. Deanna Howard conducted Roll call. The following persons were Present: Andrew Meister, Doug Johnson, Tracy Pulliam and administrator Deanna Howard-Corey Leonard and Erin Wyss were absent
2. Introduction of guests: no guests
3. Approved Minutes-will approve at next regular meeting
4. Treasurer’s Report -will report at next regular meeting

**Old Business**

 6)Desired Outcomes Project Updates:

* 1. Town square revitalization-no report
	2. Daycare/Summer Program-Andy reported that the March 22 will be the Family fun night at the grade school and the YMCA will be there to give out information. The sliding scale offered by the YMCA can be granted right away but that the State application can take a couple of weeks. He thinks that the YMCA will work with us on the registration fee and using the non-member price for the program. We want our contribution to help get people to sign up. Doug agrees that our goal is to increase participation. Andy wants people to utilize this service. Tracy asks ho do we determine the dollar amount each child receives from EDPB. Doug asked how many children they expect to have in the program for the summer. Andy explained that the minimum for the program is 10 children and that the number of employees is determined by the number of children. Andy reviewed the cost of the program. $1440 per child if they use the program the entire summer. Multiply that amount by 10 children=$14,400 and that does not include the registration fee of $45.00. Andy suggested that we could address it initially as a $5,000 contribution or cover a certain percentage of the fees for each child. Doug asked if we could have the families turn in receipts at the of the summer to be reimbursed a percentage of the cost. Tracy commented that if we knew how many children would participate, we could include it in our budget. Doug mentioned that the board was going to give the YMCA a donation anyway and the administrator reminded the board that a check for $5000 was written to the YMCA on October 6, 2021. Tracy asked if that was to cover supplies to get the afterschool program. Andy sent an email to the after-school committee members to see if that money had been spent or was still available. Andy looked at the cost per child for the summer at $1440 if we donated 25% for each child it would be $360 each. Doug says that gets the cost closer to $1000 per child. Tracy wondered if we could donate $20 per child and Andy asked if we take 25% off the first 10 enrolled. Tracy didn’t think the Board should do that because it could eliminate some that would really need it. Andy says if we estimate 30 children it would be $10,800. Tracy asked if they had to pay if not in attendance. Andy and the administrator explained that they sign up for the weeks they will be there and that yes, they must pay if they have signed up because staffing is determined by the number of children signed up. Doug asks about sponsorship for the first 20 children and Tracy comments that if we say we will sponsor the first 20 and participation is higher than that we can always come back to vote to sponsor more. Doug asks if they can sign up after the program has already started. Once the program has started and word gets around it could help others want to participate. Andy suggests that we could sponsor up to $10,000 and Doug comments that we need to set up something that gives family incentive to participate. Can we get the YMCA to agree to wave the registration fee or only use the member price? Tracy agrees that it would be good to get them to agree to use the member price for all children. Andy comments that the new building for the Lincoln YMCA has not been built yet and wonders if we can stipulate they use the member fee. Doug says we could pay registration fee for first 20 applicants and % of monthly fee. Doug says that if it’s $1440 per child and we give $360 per child 20 children would make our donation $7200. Andy says it is a way for EDPB to give back to the community and Doug says that savings will be spent somewhere else, hopefully locally. Tracy reminds that the monthly fees are on a sliding scale determined by income so if the family is paying less our 25% would be less. Andy goes back to the former suggestion of a refund at the end of the summer and Doug asks how we would administer it. Andy states that our money should come off last. Tracy says that we need to word it carefully. Doug asks would we pay the families or pay the YMCA. Tracy wonders would the Y have to cover until we reimburse them. Andy explains that the program is paid 7 days prior to the beginning of each week so our contributions would be the same. Doug suggested that we cover the registration fee and 25% of each child and pay it to the Y and they use it how they want. Andy says we can cover up to $1000 of registration fees. Doug likes that idea and says get the Y to commit to the member fee. Tracy says it sounds like they will know how many children will be participating in the beginning of the program. Andy thinks this is a good incentive to get participation in the program and Tracy likes how the wording is to the Y to get them to commit to the member fee. Doug and Tracy both say they’d like to say $25 off per child in stead of a percentage and Doug states then the Y would just have to tell us how many children they will have each week. Andy says that we can also stipulate to the Y that we will be covering the registration fee if the Y agrees to member price. Doug points out that a registration fee does show that they are serious. Tracy asks if we cover $10 and Y take $10 off registration fee or have them wave the registration fee. Andy says or commit to the member price. Doug motions that we propose to the YMCA that if they wave the registration fee, we will pay $25 per child this year per week at the member rate. Tracy 2nds the motion. Roll call by Deanna Andy-yea, Tracy-yea, Doug-yea. Absent Corey and Erin
1. Doug motions to adjourn, Tracy seconds the motion and all are agreed. Andy called the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm