



Town Of Willington
Economic Development Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes of
March 22, 2011

Attendees: Dave Charette, Chairman
Jackie Silverstein
Kim Kowalyshyn, Sec.

Absent: Walter Parsell (excused)
Jim Poole (excused)

Opened Meeting at 6:10 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Dave moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 25, 2011. Kim seconded.

All in favor, motion passes.

Old Business:

- List of Businesses for Review & Editing – We will revisit the list of businesses next month with a full commission.
- Loves Travel Plaza is coming back to Inland Wetlands with a new application possibly next month.
- Our \$900.00 budget was approved by the Board of Finance.

New Business:

- Dave was told that La Petite France Bakery of Stafford was looking for a new place to open their bakery after the building they were located in collapsed this winter. Dave gave them a call and they said they were not sure what they were doing, but took Dave's information.
- Dave was contacted by the gentleman who owns Zenny's in Mansfield about the little plaza that the American Eagle is located. He is interested in putting in a fast food restaurant. Dave met with him and discussed some of the plans and made the gentleman aware of the possible issues with the septic system. Dave suggested that he sit down with Jodi from the Health Department to see if what he wants to do is even feasible.

- Kim spoke with the gentleman at the Convenience Store at Phelps Way and he said that business was okay but they really needed new signs. We discussed some ideas that we could do to help these businesses. Kim will talk with the Land Use Department to see what the sign regulations are. She will email everyone with the information she finds out. At our next meeting we will invite the businesses from Phelps Way to come and give us their input on what needs to be done. Jackie is making up postcards and Kim will visit the businesses to invite them and leave the postcards as a reminder. Jackie will make follow up calls the day before our next meeting. The following is a list of businesses at Phelps Way:

Dr. Dana Woods, Dentist	Willington Pizza Too
Helen's Wine & Spirit Shop	New Alliance Bank
Hidden Dragon Karate	Willington Convenience Store
The Post Office	Alternative Spoke Bike Shop
Curves of Willington	Creative Concepts Beauty Salon
ECHN Lab	ENSR Corp
Leaps & Dreams Performing Arts	Swiss Cleaners

It is believed that Leaps & Dreams Performing Arts is closed and that ECHN Lab and ENSR Corp are leaving. Kim will find out for sure when she visits.

- Jackie went over the Welcome Package and came up with a Welcome Letter & Business Fact Sheet to be put in the front of the Welcome Package. We discussed them and really liked them. We discussed having an email address for EDC, so we don't have to keep changing it with each new chairperson, that Jackie could include in this letter. Dave said he thought we had one and will check into it.

Public Comment:

- No public present.

Ongoing Activities:

- We have two alternate positions open.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Next meeting to be held on April 26, 2011 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Kowalyshyn