

MINUTES

West Baraboo Economic Development/Tourism Commission

September 19, 2016

Chairman Mark Horenberger called the meeting to order 3:30PM and noted compliance with the open meeting law.

Members Present: Andi Mueller, Dave Dahlke, Don Larson

Members Absent: Doug Hill, Gary Kowalke

Others present: Kathy Goerks, Scott Alexander, Jim Allen, Keri Olson

Moved by Dave Dahlke, second by Don Larson to adopt the Agenda as posted. Motion Carried.

Moved by Andi Mueller, second by Dave Dahlke to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Keri Olson, representing SCDC, gave an update on the progress in regards to SCDC reorganization.

Dan Beal, of Craftsman Construction, presented possible plans for construction of up to four multi-family unit buildings within the Village. He noted the property he is interested in purchasing is zoned R-3 and in the Village's TIF District. He would plan on starting the project in the spring of 2017 with approx. a year and a half to completion. At this time, he is just asking for input into the project. The Commission felt it was a good project, but Dan Beal would have to present his plans to the Plan Commission and the Board for their approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Horenberger signed the Room Tax Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce.

There was some discussion regarding raising the room tax from 6% to 8%. It was felt that since the Agreement has been signed for the next two years, the Commission would see if extra money will be needed at the end of this Agreement.

Dave Dahlke noted that he met with the DOT regarding signage along the new Hwy. 12 and the DOT will make some changes especially acknowledging HWY. 136 as the exit for North Freedom train. There will be another meeting and Dahlke will attend asking for more signage for West Baraboo's businesses, the Chamber's office, UW, and the High School.

Dahlke stated that Chomps Restaurant will be opening the beginning of October and that there has been positive traction at the Sears Building.

The Commission will meet on the third Monday of each month. October's meeting will be on October 17, 2016 at 3:30PM.

Moved by Dave Dahlke, second by And Mueller to adjourn at 4:10PM.

Submitted by

Kathy Goerks, Clerk/Treasurer