

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 19th, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Committee was called to order at 6:30PM on November 19th, 2019 in Massey by Susan Sonnenburg.

Present

Susan Sonnenburg - Chair
Kevin Burke
Tammy Manitowabi
Lisa Hobbs
Adam Martel

Don More
Glenda Massicotte
Charlene Puzack
Pat Hnatuik
Brian Channon

Regrets

Cindy Stewart
Leslie Gamble
Chad Sonnenburg

Merri-Ann Hobbs

OLD BUSINESS

1. East/west signs – decide what the committee wants (design etc)
 - a. Committee would like to hold a contest to “Design the sign”
 - b. Contest would be open to All residents in the Township
 - c. Incentive will be \$100.00
 - d. Contest will be open until Feb.15th
 - e. Stipulations: The theme must reflect the Township
 - f. The design must be transferable to an 8’ x 8’ sign
2. Fire Barrel at Heritage Park (Christmas in Massey)
 - a. Susan is working on getting a fire barrel from her nephew
3. Skating pass/Face Painter (Update)
 - a. Committee members have heard that there will be a face painter at the library
 - i. Lisa to follow up with Lacey to see if the face painter we are hiring will be working out of the Library instead of at Lacey’s business
4. Decide on the business success award – needs to be approved by council
 - a. Committee has decided by majority vote that the award will go to Gilles Porier for Clover Farms grocery store
 - b. The award will be presented by Susan, as chair of the ECDEV committee

- c. The award will be presented at 6:00pm
 - d. The committee would like Susan to mention all other nominees in her speech
 - e. Mike Mantha may attend the ceremony
 - i. Lisa to attempt to contact Carol Hughes as well
 - f. Committee members would like to have OPP officers at the event to assist in the control of traffic etc.
 - i. Susan will contact Kim to set this up.
5. Update on possible new EDO
 - a. A few applications received so far
 6. Public Docking (next Year)
 - a. work permits are only required when a crib for a dock or a boathouse physically touches more than 15 sq. metres of shore land
 - b. Look into any possible issues/concerns with the MTO (Heavily traveled waterway)
 - c. The TSSR is currently entertaining a Request for Proposals for municipal insurance providers so we will wait to get quotes for this until a decision has been made.
 - d. Chad has relayed to Susan that he will give the township a special price on materials/dock
 - e. Lisa to follow up with Chad

NEW

1. Tammy Manitowabi mentioned that Sagamok will be providing a letter to the TSSR in regards to a possible partnership between Sagamok and TSSR for the Walleye Tournament
 - a. Sagamok will be changing this derby from the Fall to the Spring next year
 - i. Weekend after the long weekend in M
 - b. As parking at the boat launch on the Spanish River is a problem, perhaps they can use the arena for parking and a shuttle can be provided to the launch.
 - c. Consider approaching the Agricultural Society/Chutes Park to provide a place where derby participants can set up campers etc.
 - d. Sagamok would like to request that we offer breakfast at the Arena for the derby participants.

Age-Friendly

1. Community gardens update
 - a. Application has been denied due to the fact that we have a Non-profit food bank operating within the township. This disqualifies the municipality from being able to apply for this Grant.
 - b. Committee members have heard that St. Mary school may still proceed with this initiative on their own
2. Christmas dinner reminder
 - a. Glenda indicated that she has 43 confirmed to attend the dinner this year

Farmers' Market

7. Farmers' Market – Vendor Feedback re: flea market, new time/date etc.
 - a. Most vendors are in favor of switching to a Flea Market

- i. This will allow more vendors to participate
- ii. We will be running the market from Mid-June to Labor Day weekend
- iii. Time for the market will be Fridays 2:00pm – 6:00pm
- iv. Committee is against moving the market to the south yard at this point
 1. If the Market outgrows the space at Heritage Park they will consider other options but for now would like to keep the central location
- b. Committee agrees that we will be running a Flea Market next year instead of a Farmers' market.
- c. Discussed cost of an Air dancer
- d. Discussed increasing the amount that council budgets for special events (Farmers' Market/Age Friendly)

Broadband

1. There is meeting with Bell and Galaxy about Broadband in Bruce Mines on Thursday night
 - a. Adam Martel will be in the area doing other work and has agreed to attend this meeting
 - b. Committee has informed him that the TSSR will pay his mileage to attend this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM by Susan Sonnenburg. Next Economic Development general meeting will be held on January 21st, 2020, at 6:30PM. Next Farmers' Market meeting will be held on January 21st, 2019 immediately following the Economic Development Meeting. Next Age-Friendly meeting will be held on November 25th at 1:00pm. All meetings to be held in Council chambers.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Hobbs

Approved by: Susan Sonnenburg