

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting on February 17, 2022

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 1/25/22
5. Public Input
6. DCEDC update
7. Food Trucks on Town Property
8. Broadband update
9. Attainable Housing
10. Review Committee Mission Statement
11. Future meeting
12. Adjourn

Chair John Lowry called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members Alan Kroll and Chuck Scheckel were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms. Committee member Dave Studebaker joined at 6:30. Also attending: Julie Schmelzer of DCEDC, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Doug Curzon and 1 member of the public via Zoom. Committee member Andrew Gantman was absent.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 3-0.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to approve the 1/25/22 minutes as presented. Carried 3-0.

Public – Nothing.

DCEDC Update – Julie Schmelzer is working on grants for home manufacturing modular houses. There is a forecast that within 5 years the County will lose 78 contractors, or 1/3 of the workforce. The County has taken over the broadband project.

Food Trucks – Curzon has not received more information. Kalms said the Towns' Association advises that short term rentals on town property can be handled by the board, but any long term commitments should be acted on by the town meeting.

Broadband – Lowry reported that the design will incorporate private roads, the connection to the house will be the same as existing, either overhead or buried. The homeowner desires will not trump what already exists.

Mission Statement – Good as is.

Lowry noted that Plan Commission chair Goss would like to have a joint meeting to discuss “nodes” of business requests in relation to the zoning within which they want to operate.

The next meeting will be March 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Lowry moved, Scheckel second to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Carried 4-0.

Walter Kalms, Administrator

Approved at the 3/15/2022 Economic Development Committee meeting.