



Economic Development Committee
Friday, March 4, 2022 - 9:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cheryl Robertson called the Economic Development Committee meeting for March 4, 2022 to order at 9:00 am

Members Present - Cheryl Robertson, Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner
Absent - None

Staff present - Jack Liggett, Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Troy Hendren (Monroe Township Trustee), Hayley Feightner (GROW Licking County), Sean Stanearth

2. Action on Minutes

a. February 11, 2022

- ACTION:** Doug Lehner moved to Approve; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.
- AYES:** Cheryl Robertson, Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner
- NOES:** None
- ABSTAIN:** None

Passed 3 - 0

3. Update on Enterprise Center - New River

No update from New River; no decision yet. Rick Platt with the Port Authority has had additional inquiries if New River opts out.

2021 Committee Goals

1. Plan for and target types of employers the village wants to attract; Manufacturing, Commercial, Business Offices - Update ED Plan to solidify vision for facilities (By end of Q1)
 2. Develop a Comprehensive Plan for a future Incubator Space - Manager working to create a plan outline to share with CIC
 3. Develop common purpose with Park & Rec Committee to promote park and rec amenities; Eco-tourism.
 4. Enterprise Center Drive construction completion in 2021 - In progress
 5. Obtain rezoning of the remainder of the Enterprise Center land - Discussions ongoing
 6. Provide consistent communication on joint projects with the CIC - Minutes and verbal report on CIC agendas.
 7. Develop a business census - In progress
 8. Help facilitate formation of Chamber of Commerce - Enlist help from CIC and Licking County Chamber of Commerce
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4. Mobility Hub

With announcement from Intel the hub is more important than ever. Tech said they are still committed. Pause on the 220 property, (the current tech site) they plan to forge ahead with the Innovation Center and will need help with marketing. Johnstown will need control over the property by grant, purchase or lease in order to apply for grants. Continued discussions with Etch, the company developing the apps, the next step is testing; Licking County Transit is on board. Chip Dutcher noted the need to spend time reaching out to partner cities to let them know the project is still viable. The Innovation Center would be like an incubator for industrial companies: self driving vehicle companies, tech vehicle testing; Tech would be in charge of that center and space. Cheryl thanked Chip for the work he is putting in. Mayor Dutcher said he is working for Johnstown to have a seat at the table so our voice is heard. Additionally, he is working on outreach to current businesses to share information.

5. Types of Retail Establishments Needed/Wanted - Wish List

Doug Lehner prompted discussion on a medical facilities. Troy Hendren said the townships concern is that there has not been any outreach from Intel with regard to fire. Discussion on a combo of ER/FD helipad and property.

Chip Dutcher said that banks are showing interest in coming back to Johnstown with their branches.

Bailey Morlan talked about Duncan Donuts, discussion on the restaurant. Troy Hendren shared that there had been some interest in the old firehouse property.

Sean Stanearth said COTC had desire previously for a branch in Johnstown, space was the issue at the time.

6. Current Business Outreach

Chip Dutcher said he would like to meet with current businesses to update them on info and projects, would like to invite MORPC, One Columbus, Rick Platt/Port Authority, GROW Licking County, ODOT and possibly Intel. "Part B" of this would be community outreach meetings. Discussed an April date for meeting with the businesses.

7. Goal Review - 2021 / New 2022

No discussion

8. Other Business

Troy Hendren highlighted some plans noted by Jersey Township and action items on their agenda. Some discussion on water/sewer main extension. Conversation around JEDs. Hayley

Haley Feightner noted a water and sewer study RFQ; GROW Licking County partnering with LCATS and County Commissioners.

9. Adjourn

No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:27 am