



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
Economic Development Corporation
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
12:00noon**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:04

II. Attendance

Present: Lovedia Stap, Rachel McKenzie, Fred Jordan, Tim Perrigo, Craig vanMelle.

Absent: Mike Walsh, Nora Balgoyen-Williams, and one vacancy.

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager, Tony McGhee, Abonmarche, Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator

III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Fred Jordan, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

I. Brownfield Plan Review

City Manager Joel Dye stated that he just recently recovered the original Brownfield Development Plan. Since this plan has just been discovered, Joel hopes that this committee can begin to work on updating the plan in order to represent the City's current needs. This will help with future Brownfield tax captures.

Tony McGhee of Abonmarche suggested creating a more specific Brownfield Development Plan that leaves less grey space for future developers to interpret.

Fred Jordan questioned the cost that it would take for a consulting firm to redo a Brownfield Plan. Tony stated that it would not be expensive, and that the only formality is approval from the State of Michigan.

Tony also explained that Allegan is considered a “Core City” by the State of Michigan, which means that the City is eligible for a wider variety of Brownfield credits than some other communities in Michigan.

Lovedia Stap stated that the Plan is 18 years old, so it might be a good time to consider adopting a new plan.

It was agreed to have a consultant attend the May EDC/DDA meeting to discuss updating the Brownfield Plan.

II. Highland Industrial Park Discussion

Joel stated that the City is close to selling two of the remaining parcels in the industrial park. As a part of the process, staff has identified some property line issues and wetland issues.

There was much discussion over a 1.2 acre parcel in the industrial zone that was not attracting bids.

Fred Jordan made a motion, supported by Craig vanMelle, to allow Joel Dye to recommend to the City Council to direct staff to address property discrepancies and environmental issues. Motion passes 5-0.

Fred Jordan made a motion, supported by Craig vanMelle to sell the 1.2 acre parcel located at 715 Industrial Drive to adjacent property owners for them to either hold or divide amongst each other. Motion passes 5-0.

VI. Minutes and Reports

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Meagher
Community Development Coordinator

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