



MINUTES

Newaygo Economic Development Organization Board & Networking Meeting October 30, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Scott Faulkner called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Board Meeting to order at 10:38 am at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Present: Scott Faulkner, Jason Harris, George Heartwell, Del Hirdes, Eric Johnson, Krista Looman, Cory Nelson,

Absent: Ron Armstrong, Jon Bumstead, Ed Fedell, Brooke Schaffer, George Suchy

Others Present: Jon Schneider, Chris Ortwein, Kim Goodin

Motion by Heartwell, seconded by Nelson to approve meeting minutes from the June 29, 2018 NEDO Board and Networking Meetings. AIF/MC

Motion by Looman, seconded by Nelson to approve NEDO 2019 meeting dates. AIF/MC

Faulkner stated that he has taken a new position, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, with the City of Newaygo and is resigning from the NEDO Board. He will still be actively involved, attend meetings and help set the agenda of meetings.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Looman to approve Heartwell as Chairman of the NEDO Board. AIF/MC

Motion by Heartwell, seconded by Nelson to appoint Looman as Vice Chair, but after some discussion Heartwell withdrew motion and **New Motion** by Looman, seconded by Nelson to appoint Johnson as Vice Chair. AIF/MC

PROJECT UPDATES:

- A. Schneider updated Board on meetings and discussions that have occurred with MDOT and Newaygo County Road Commission related to M-37. He stated that additional information and statistics have been requested by MDOT. Schneider said the goal is to get a pilot plan in place for next year prior to MDOT work on M-37 in 2021. Schneider stated that striping around City Hall has been completed and they have received positive feedback.
- B. Heartwell updated the Board on the Housing Task Force Committee and discussed four specific sites with potential for housing developments or mixed use developments. He stated that recommendations from the Housing Task Force Committee have been incorporated in the City's Master Plan. Heartwell stated that preliminary discussions occurred on a potential Housing Trust Fund. Questions and discussion from board members relating to Vera Wilsie school site and Chris Ortwein's property along the river. Ortwein discussed the cost of infrastructure needed for his property. Heartwell and Ortwein to schedule a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Faulkner stated that a Master Plan Public Engagement Meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:00 pm at Loomis Lodge

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Looman, seconded by Heartwell to adjourn meeting at 11:36 am.

CALL TO ORDER

Faulkner called the Newaygo Economic Development Organization (NEDO) Networking Meeting to order at 11:46 am at The Stream located at 1 State Rd., Newaygo MI 49337. Kim Goodin acted as recording secretary.

Faulkner stated he was going to move the agenda around and start with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Faulkner discussed two pedestrian bridges being discussed. The potential bridges being discussed are a pedestrian bridge on Park Street and a bridge across the Muskegon River between the City and Henning Park. He stated that they would like to ask TIFA for dollars for preliminary design work and to obtain actual costs of bridges. **Motion** by Looman, seconded by Johnson to ask TIFA for funding up to \$5,000 for preliminary design work and obtain cost to build bridges. AIF/MC
- B. Faulkner stated that they are in the very initial stages of looking at Penoyer Creek “Daylighting” Initiatives.
- C. Faulkner stated that a Master Plan Public Engagement Meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:00 pm at Loomis Lodge.

NEDO PROJECT UPDATES:

- A. Faulkner gave an update on Façade project and Magna’s ground breaking ceremony.
- B. Julie Burrell, Business Development Coordinator for Newaygo County, gave an update on projects and opportunities in the County.
- C. Schneider updated Board on meetings and discussions that have occurred with MDOT and Newaygo County Road Commission related to M-37. He stated that additional information and statistics are needed for MDOT. He said goal is to get a pilot plan in place for next year prior to MDOT work on M-37 in 2021. Schneider stated that striping around City Hall has been completed and they have received positive feedback. Group discussed biking and connectivity.
- D. Schneider stated a very draft version of the Master Plan was received from the consultants. He said a number of legal requirements have to occur prior to adopting the Master Plan.
- E. Heartwell updated group on Housing Task Force Committee and discussed four specific sites. He spoke about meeting held with Magna concerning shortage of housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Leestma stated very encouraged hearing about “Pitch North” from Burrell and would love to see first one held in Newaygo.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Looman said very exciting ideas and thanked everyone for coming.
Hirdes said great to see the forward thinking and loves to see the dirt moving at Magna.
Faulkner discussed Museum Capital Campaign Project.
Heartwell excited to see growth in the City. He stated millennials look for a place to live and then a place to work.
Johnson updated all on “Let’s Art Newaygo” event to be held during the Memorial Day weekend festivities.

NEDO Networking Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

NEDO Chair –Scott Faulkner

Recording Secretary-Kim Goodin