

Edinburgh, Indiana Redevelopment Commission Organizational Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2015

Ted Lucas, President of the Commission, called the membership roll.

Members:	Present	Absent
Ted Lucas – President	X	
Karen Fitzpatrick	X	
Bill West	X	
John Rondot – Secretary	X	
Ray Walton		X
Cathy Hamm	X	

Other Attendees:

First Order of Business – Election of Officers – Ted Lucas

Karen Fitzpatrick made a motion to keep the current leadership unchanged for 2015 (Ted Lucas as President, Bill West as Vice-President, and John Rondot as Secretary). Bill West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Second Order of Business – Setting Meeting dates for 2014

John Rondot reminded the Commission that 2015 meetings dates had been approved at the October 13, 2014 Commission meeting. The meetings, which will be held quarterly, will be scheduled for January 12, April 13, July 13, and October 12. The meetings will be scheduled immediately following the Town Council meetings on the same days.

Cathy Hamm mentioned that she would be unable to attend the January 12 meeting due to the School Board Organizational Meeting being held at the same time.

Third Order of Business – 2014 Annual Report – John Rondot

Karen Fitzpatrick a motion to accept the 2014 Annual Report that each Commission member had received from John Rondot. Bill West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dustin Huddleston, Town Attorney, noted in an e-mail dated December 30, 2014 that the Annual Report needed to be presented to the Edinburgh Town Council meeting on January 12, 2015. John Rondot said that he would make the presentation.

Fourth Order of Business – Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2014 Commission Meeting

Comments: No discussion

Bill West made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ted Lucas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Fifth Order of Business – Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2014 Commission Meeting

Comments: No discussion

Bill West made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Karen Fitzpatrick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sixth Order of Business: Open Discussion

Open discussion centered on the following:

Timbergate Golf Course

Ted Lucas requested that a copy of the Timbergate Financial Statement be made available to the Commission.

John Rondot asked that Wayne Gibbs, Timbergate Course Manager, attend the Commission meetings.

Ted Lucas asked that the Commission be provided with a copy of Wayne's reports to the Town Council.

The Commission believes that it has some responsibility for Timbergate and that it needs more information to address that responsibility.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission

Ted Lucas mentioned that since the membership on the Commission has changed over the past couple of years, a review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission is warranted.

There has been discussion in the past about the Commission having a closer working relationship with the Town Council. This could include doing project work for the Council.

Ted Lucas agreed to meet with Ron Hoffman, Town Council President, about Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission, working relationship between the Council and the Commission, and the Timbergate Financial reporting.

Further understanding of the existing TIF District in Edinburgh

The Commission is requesting a review of the TIF District from Dustin Huddleston, Town Attorney.

Without funding, the Commission is severely limited in what it can accomplish. Without an operating TIF District, the Commission has no funding sources.

Town Clean-up activities

This item has been on the Commission radar for the past year. Several activities during the past year are applauded by the Commission. The removal of the Amos Elevator, the demolition of abandoned houses, and the clean-up of the core business on Highway 252 are examples.

The Commission wants to work with the Town Council to make the town clean-up meaningful for all of the citizens. A 'Don't Pass It Up – Pick It Up' sort of approach is one suggested method.

Karen Fitzpatrick and Cathy Hamm suggested that community groups, school groups, church groups, etc. be encouraged to make town clean-up one of their community service activities.

John Rondot presented his idea for a town clean-up poster contest to raise awareness of the litter problem. Using the image of a man named Ken (Keep Edinburgh Neat) doing clean-up activities. John stated that he would donate any monetary prizes.

Karen Fitzpatrick mentioned that she had reported the placing of Export Shipping Containers on a residential lot in town to the Building Commissioner. Karen said that she has not received any response from Wade Watson. The Commission asked for a response to the specific issue and a further understanding of what is allowable as far as storage facilities are concerned.

The Commission asks that Wade Watson attend its next meeting to discuss town clean-up.

Large Grain Elevator

The Commission requests that Dustin Huddleston, Town Attorney, provide regular updates on the possible demolition of the Large Grain Elevator near the Railroad tracks on Highway 252.

Karen Fitzpatrick asked if the 'Office Building' portion of the Elevator could be removed in the interim as the demolition of the large structure moves through the legal process.

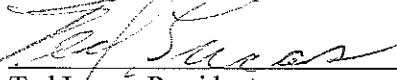
Adjournment:

Motion: Karen Fitzpatrick

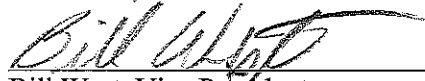
Second: Bill West

Vote: Unanimous

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Ted Lucas, President

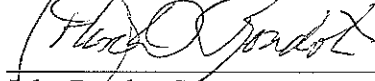


Bill West, Vice President

Ray Walton, Member

Karen Fitzpatrick, Member

ATTEST:



John Rondot, Secretary