



**Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
March 14, 2016**

Call to Order 6:02pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

Present	Nathan Vis	Present	Randy Niemeyer
	Member		Town Council
Absent	Jeff DeVries	Absent	John Foreman
	Member		Town Council
Present	Jolie Covaciu	Present	Robert Carnahan
	Member		Town Council
Present	Eric Burnham	Present	Connie Sterkowitz
	Member		Hanover School District Liaison
Present	Doug Spencer	Present	Jerry Caravana
	Member		Crown Point Community School Corporation Liaison
Present	Amy Gross	Present	Jill Murr
	Clerk Treasurer		Town Administrator
Absent	David Austgen	Present	Jennifer Sandberg
	Town Attorney		Recording Secretary

Minutes of the February 2016 Public Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2016 Public Meeting was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	4-0

I. New Business

A. Economic Development Funding

Town Administrator Murr spoke regarding the newly created Economic Development Committee. The group is looking to travel to Lake Geneva for economic development research. Approximate cost is around \$3,000. They are asking for the Commission to fund the trip. President Vis explained that the Town Council recently created an Economic Development Committee comprised of three Council members, two RDC members, as well as the Town Administrator. The goal is to develop a relationship with towns similar to ours, like Lake Geneva, to learn from them and glean ideas to boost economic development. Town Council President Randy Niemeyer shared his vision for the new Committee. He’s been in contact with Andy Dammeir, Economic Development Director for Lake Geneva, opening the lines of communication and beginning a working relationship. The Commission had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Niemeyer regarding future plans and the requested funds.

A motion to approve funds for the Economic Development Committee to travel to Lake Geneva for research and development in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	4-0

II. Monthly Vendor Invoice Review

A. Approve Expenses

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 02/06/16 – 03/11/16 out of Fund 404 for a total of \$3,105.53 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jolie Covaciu.

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Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	4-0

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 02/06/16 – 03/11/16 out of Fund 804 for a total of \$4,263.03 was made by Jolie Covaciu with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	4-0

B. Review Expenses/Income

Clerk-Treasurer Gross gave an update on the RDC general budget and TIF for 2016.

III. Written Communications - None

IV. Monthly Reports

- A. 133rd Avenue Phase II** – Change order for errors and omissions recently received. Will be reviewed by staff and engineers. Anticipated finish by May.
- B. East 133rd Avenue** – No Update
- C. Cline/Lake Shore Drive Project** – Secured over half of the parcels. Will start working on utility relocation plans next.
- D. Broadway Project** – No update
- E. Pending/Future Developments** – No Update

V. Old Business

- A. Status – 133rd East – IDEM/UST Contamination** –
- B. Park Improvement Project** – Town Administrator Murr gave a brief update.

Town Administrator Murr asked the Commission to consider paying a portion of mileage for her attending NIRPC Transportation meetings and Road School. A motion to reimburse for Road School and mileage was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jolie Covaciu.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	ABSENT	YES	4-0

President Vis revisited the crosswalk project by the school. He’d like to communicate with the school to see if they’re still interested and bring that project back to the forefront. The Commission all agreed. He also discussed beginning a grant façade program. Town Administrator Murr discussed an upcoming training at the Office of Community Rural Affairs to see what funding they may be able to offer. President Niemeyer discussed a B-2 Zoning initiative by John Foreman.

VI. Public Comment – Mr. Carnahan reminded the Commission of the Chamber’s Business Expo on Saturday.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer at approximately 6:35 PM.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
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Nathan Vis – President

Jeff DeVries – Vice President

Eric Burnham – Member

Jolie Covaciu – Secretary

Doug Spencer – Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary