

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023

EDC President Bob Forster called the meeting to order on Thursday May 11, 2023 at 6 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at the meeting were President--Robert Forster, Vice President—Tammy Dubbels, member and secretary Suzette Arndt, Dolores Mueller, Linda Blonn, and Phil Anderson.

EDC meeting minutes from April 13, 2023 were reviewed and Bob Forster entertained a motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Tammy Dubbels so moved; Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 6-0

There are 2 Façade Grant applications for roof replacement, one for the Kouts Fire Department, and one for St. Pauls Church, normally we cannot give Façade grants for roofs due to the bylaws, but because we can see it from Main Street the Fire Department is eligible as it is in the C-1 district. A motion was made to accept the Façade grant for Kouts Fire Department up to \$5000 for the roof replacement by Dolores Mueller and Phil Anderson seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dolores Mueller to deny the Façade grant for St. Paul due to the fact that is it not eligible due to the bylaws. Phil Anderson seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

The park director Orville Jefferson would like assistance to replace the roof on the Pavilion at Drazer Park due to the roof being in bad shape. He requested bids from JB West for \$14986.76, Amarco for \$15,540 and R and L Roofing, but they never returned his call. Orville did request he would like for Amarco to do the roof. He does quality work, has a good reputation and he is local. There is a 5-year workmanship warranty that comes with Amarco's work. Phil Anderson made a motion to accept the bid from Amarco for \$15,540, Tammy Dubbels seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

A water fountain is needed at Drazer Park, a quote was gotten from Berl's Commercial Supply for an outdoor, free standing, Bi-Level, ADA Pedestal fountain and pet bowl in the amount of \$4074. The water fountain is also vandal resistant. Tammy Dubbels made a motion to accept the bid for Berl's in the amount of \$4074. Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Suzette Arndt reached a couple of landscaping companies out and we received one bid from Ricci's Landscaping for the front of Town Hall. The bid includes a dry riverbed, crevice garden, new plants approximately 80-100. Any unused plants will be credited back to the EDC. Treatment of the soil to prepare for planting, river rock and materials needed for riverbed. The total cost of the project is \$7886.83 Phil Anderson motioned to accept Ricci's Landscaping for \$7886.83 and Dolores Mueller seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Robert Forster said that Don Wesson is going to donate all the Limestone needed for the walking path when NIRPSC puts in the walking path.

Discussed Basketball court for Drazer Park

The light over the front door is going to be in the way of the new awning, and the Police light above their door cannot be fixed. Busse Electric can move the light that will light up under the awning and the Police door. A motion was made by Linda Blonn to approve potential for the new lighting under the awning once it is installed. Phil Anderson seconded.

Meeting Adjournment 6:51 pm

President Robert Forster

Vice-President Tammy Dubbels

Secretary Suzette Arndt

Linda Blonn

Dolores Mueller

Phil Anderson