

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**Economic Development Committee Meeting- Minutes
6:30 pm November 23, 2021
MEETING LOCATION-Village Hall**

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Village of Indian Head Park was held on January 18, 2022 on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The following were present:

Committee Member Susan Herley
Committee Member Trustee Shawn Kennedy
Committee Member/Village President Tom Hinshaw
Committee Member Craig Fisher
Committee Member Jim Merrion
Committee Member Kate Boyle
Village Administrator John DuRocher
Assistant Village Administrator Andy Ferrini
Administrative Clerk Lisa Bujak

The following were absent:

Committee Chair/Trustee Eileen Donnersberger

The following were discussed:

- A. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the previous committee meeting which took place November 23, 2021. Committee Member Boyle motioned to approved the minutes and this motion was seconded by Committee member Fisher. With a voice voted of 6-0 the motion passed.
- B. The Committee then discussed ongoing property development in the Village. Assistant Village Administrator Ferrini explained that the insurance offices building approved last year has begun the building permit process. He also explained that there is interest from a Dunkin Donuts Franchisee in buying the corner lot at Wolf and Joliet and opening a Dunkin Donuts shop there. The Village will find out more from them in the next few weeks.

- C. The Committee then discussed the ongoing efforts to develop a façade improvement program for the Triangle Area. Assistant Village Administrator Ferrini explained that one of the difficulties with obtaining funding through grants is that façade improvement is considered aesthetic, which is exempted from a lot of grant funding. On the other side of the equation it is difficult to find business grants or loans that the property owner could apply for because landlords are often left out of those programs as well. Assistant Village Administrator Ferrini explained that the Village had received another quote for façade improvement that was closer to \$210,000 dollars but that did not include signage. He explained that staff's recommendation was to develop a bid spec and go out to bid to try and get the most competitive pricing for a façade program. The Committee was in favor of this idea and thought that it would be beneficial to sit down with the landowner prior to developing specifics.
- D. The Committee then discussed the idea of landscaping on the Joliet Road Parkway in front of the Plaza. The committee felt that it would be a good idea to explore landscaping options regardless of what happens with the façade efforts.
- E. Finally, the Committee discussed the idea of paying a finder's fee for someone who may be able to bring a Cannabis dispensary to the Village. The idea was presented by Village Administrator DuRocher and was welcomed by the Committee considering the hundreds of thousands of revenues that a dispensary would bring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Ferrini
Assistant Village Administrator
Recording Secretary