

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission
August 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Greene County Redevelopment Commission was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Greene County Courthouse on August 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Present were John Preble, John Mensch, Kevin Sparks and Scott Carmichael. Also present were the Commission attorney Marvin Abshire, Brianne Jerrels, and Commissioners Ed Michael and Rick Graves. Absent were Brian Sparks and Gregg Roudebush.

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag. The meeting was called to order by John Preble. There was submitted for review and approval the Minutes of the July 25, 2019 regular meeting. After review, a motion was made by John Mensch and seconded by Kevin Sparks to waive the reading and approve the Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of business was the Progress Way lighting update. With the exception of the two light poles that have been ordered, all of the lights are up. Rick Graves reported that the two lights he ordered have come in, but the two poles have not yet arrived. Rick Graves will deliver the lights and poles when they arrive. Brian Sparks will then make the final wiring connection to the Lift Station. Hal Harp and Brian Stoner have volunteered their time and wired the lights together. The two have put in a lot of effort and Greene County Highway employees also assisted. The Commission intends to send letter of appreciation for work done. It was also reported that a couple of more trees appear to be dying along Progress Way.

John Mensch reported that the hotel project at Progress Pointe will be opening soon and Brianne Jerrels will be organizing a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

John Mensch updated the Board on WestGate @ Crane Tech Park. Tri-State Trucking was a main topic of conversation at the recent WestGate meeting. According to Todd Woods, Crane base is now in contact with Tri-State Trucking and has expressed its position that Tri-State Trucking relocating to the proposed location near the old Crane school building site inside the WestGate @

Crane Technology Park is too close to the base. There is concern about munitions being on the trucks overnight and posing a safety risk. It is the consensus of many, that the relocation of the trucking company to this site isn't the best use of the ground. The WestGate meeting ended without resolution.

John Mensch reported that work is continuing regarding long term funding for tech parks. State Representative Jeff Ellington is assisting by contacting the governor and he is going to try and amend the senate bill when the legislature meets in January. John is putting together information on public and private investments that have gone into WestGate which also includes the number of jobs and payroll to support the request for more funding and to protect the State's investment.

John Mensch reported that the Master Plan Committee met last week with TEconomy and subcontractor, Perkins and Will. At the meeting, it was suggested forming another corporation involving three counties regarding development of a park management plan for the WestGate area.

Payment Request 2019-7, in the sum of \$3,263.02 was submitted for approval. After review, a motion was made by John Mensch and seconded by Kevin Sparks to approve the claims. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director of Greene County Economic Development Corporation Brianne Jerrels has provided a link to the community for a Broadband Readiness Plan Community Survey. The survey will be open until September 10, 2019. Greene County was one in five communities chosen to participate in the Broadband Readiness Pilot Program through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This survey will help the steering committee to better understand the lack of broadband from the perspective of the consumer or potential customer.

Ed Michael reported that Smithville is currently installing fiber optics covering the areas of Solsberry, Sharkey Curve, Tulip, and Newark, extending to Highland Township by Calverville. Fiber optics will be used for the main runs and then copper will be run to the residences which result in faster internet than currently have now.

The Commission inquired about how the contract with Streaming Eagle, LLC for high-speed internet streaming might be impacted with the unexpected death of Streaming Eagle owner Lance Parsons. Commission Attorney will reach out to Streaming Eagle employee Randy McCauley to see what might be expected in the future and what, if any, kind of succession plan Streaming Eagle has in place.

Brianne Jerrels announced that the Greene County Economic Development Corporation has scheduled the annual dinner for September 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Greene County Community Event Center in Bloomfield. John McDonald, CEO of ClearObject, Indiana's leading Internet of Things company, will be the keynote speaker. Brianne reported that John McDonald is a very dynamic speaker. The presentation will address graduation rates; finishing college on time; student loan debt vs. credit card debt; and the future generation. The Economic Development Corporation is sending out invitations.


Brianne Jerrels recently reached out to Mike Riggins, doing business as CountryMark White River Junction Co-op regarding his expressed interest in acquiring two lots at Progress Point along the highway to expand his current business. Mike Riggins stated that he is still interested, but with other projects at his existing business, he has put it on the back burner and will re-visit it in 2020.

Brianne Jerrels further reported that she has not heard from John Long about his interest in purchasing land at Progress Point and opening a restaurant.

John Preble reported that he reached out to Chad Stephens with the company wanting to build a heavy towing a recovery hub along County Line Road or on one of the lots across from the fire station. John Preble requested additional information and he is waiting to hear back from him.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kevin Sparks and seconded by John Preble to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2019.


John E. Mensch, Secretary