

**City of Lodi Economic Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 11, 2020**

Call to Order.

Chair Tonn called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Committee Members Present: Ann Groves Lloyd, Rich Stevenson, Peter Tonn

Others Present: Julie Ostrander, Mayor Jim Ness, Kennan Buhr, Pat Staszak, Dawn Collins, Suzanne Miller

Public Input. None.

Approve Minutes from January 14, 2019. MOTION (Groves Lloyd, Stevenson) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Update from Lodi Lake WI Chamber.

The Chamber has a new mission statement: *To Support the Economic and Cultural Welfare of our Members, Advocate for our Business Community, and Encourage Economic Growth and Community Presence*

New officers for 2020 are: President - Mike Clark; Vice President - Melissa Card; Treasurer - Erica Burhop

Financials. No questions.

Chair Tonn took item 8 first.

Business Contact Update. Mayor Ness stated he and Ostrander are meeting with potential buyers for 109 Lodi space to discuss consideration of TIF funding.

Ostrander explained the property project that she and Kristi, with the Chamber, are working on to identify business property owners and availability of space. With this discussion, Tonn moved to item 6.

Discussion of Material on City Housing and Business Opportunity. Tonn explained the need to create a portfolio of available space within the city limits. Discussion took place about what details to provide – including a map, property size (acre/sq ft), location, owner, whether property is for lease or sale (or potential sale). It was agreed to begin with the downtown area and work toward the boundaries of the city to include potential property for larger development.

Discussion of Spring Creek Walkway. Stevenson stated the City applied for two grants for street projects but this particular project did not fit the required criteria. It was agreed that TID funds will be considered when available. Tonn discussed the concept of redoing the Spring Creek bridge and walkway. He reviewed the original plan and mentioned revisiting the concept to follow the creek behind the mini storage near WI River Bank.

Next Meeting and Agenda Items. The next meeting will be March 10 at 4 pm. Tonn requested further discussion of material for Housing and Business Opportunity as well as follow up on the design of Spring Creek Walkway.

Adjourn. MOTION (Groves Lloyd, Stevenson) to adjourn at 4:45 pm. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk