

**City of Lodi Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Minutes of May 5, 2020**

**Call to Order.**

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Committee Members Present: Eric Hansen, Rich Stevenson, Peter Tonn

Others Present: Julie Ostrander, Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd, Pat Staszak, Dawn Collins, Lanette Mayberry, Suzanne Miller, Kristi McMorris (remote). Greg Johnson (remote)

**Virtual Etiquette Announcement**

**Public Input.** None.

**Update from Lodi Lake WI Chamber.**

Kristi McMorris updated the committee on the Chamber's activities with local businesses during the COVID 19 crisis. It was discussed that the protocol for reopening businesses is being worked on this week. Morris stated that The Chamber has created a Facebook Group for the community to provide information about local business operations during the mandated Safer at Home Order. A Gift Certificate Drive is also being held at the Main Street Market Piggly Wiggly. Discussion took place regarding the state of businesses and Morris stated she has not heard of any closures at this time. Mayor Groves Lloyd added that she and Morris are speaking weekly to find ways to offer support to local businesses. Payroll protection funds for businesses was also discussed and Morris stated she is not aware of local businesses receiving these funds.

**Presentation of TIF Information by Greg Johnson of Ehlers.**

Greg Johnson, Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor, presented an Overview of Lodi's TIF Districts.

**Approve Minutes from February 11, 2020. MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financials.** Hansen asked Ostrander if she will be reaching out to those developers who have shortfall payments due to the City in the TIF Districts. Ostrander stated that she will be drafting letters and setting up meetings with those affected.

**Update from Ice Age Trail Community.** Hansen read the email below provided by Amy Onofrey:

The local Ice Age Trail is seeing a large increase in usage and the trail is in good shape. For the most part, walkers are observing social distancing. All trails are open except the one at Gibraltar Rock due to its fragile nature and because it's difficult to social distance at the top. Both parking lot entrances on County Highway V are closed. Local volunteers are not working on the trail now, based on direction from the National Park Service. We hope to start trail maintenance work in June. All events are cancelled or postponed. Our main fundraiser, a walk and run on June 6 is rescheduled for August 29.

Tonn moved that items 9-11 be tabled until the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Items are the following:

Material on City Housing and Business Opportunity, Update on Status of Discontinuance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Spring Creek Walkway Design

**Business Contact Update - Top of Lodi Property.** – Not discussed.

**Next Meeting and Agenda Items.** The next meeting will be June 9 at 4 pm.

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to adjourn at 4:58 pm. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Lanette Mayberry, Deputy Clerk