

**Town of Cromwell
Economic Development Commission**

Regular Meeting
6:30pm Thursday, June 18, 2015
Room 224/5 Cromwell Town Hall

Minutes and Record of Votes

Present: Chairman Dick Nobile, Robert Jahn, Joe Fazekas, Jay Polke

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison Al Waters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairman Nobile

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

The above members were noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by Robert Jahn and **seconded** by Joe Fazekas to approve the agenda. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

4. Public Comments - none

5. New Business

6. Town Planners Report

Mr. Popper said that 224 Shunpike Road was leased to Plummer Landscaping. He also said that 302 Main Street is about to be sold to a landscape operation from Rocky Hill and they will use it for office and retail.

Mr. Popper said he has had good visits with the Computer Company, Brothers and Mountain View. He also said the construction at 1 Willowbrook and County Line Drive are going well. Brothers told him they were pleased with the work and process.

Mr. Popper said they had a successful car show and the Farmers Market started as well.

He said they have had some Planning and Zoning meetings and 40 Sebethe Drive needs more time to file the mylars. He said there have been some Wetland Permits and they will be conducting soil borings at the TPC. He said they will be rebuilding the course in the fall and re-designing it. He said they will start the work in the fall and seed the grass in April. Chairman Nobile asked more about the re-designing and Mr. Popper said they have the wetlands permit and he will let them know when they go to P & Z. He said all the work will be done in the framework of the existing course.

Mr. Popper said that 40 Sebethe Drive is moving forward with the 74,000 square feet building and will be renting out about 20,000 square feet for 5 years.

Chairman Nobile said there is a bottleneck at the entrance of County Line Drive. Mr. Popper said we did what we could. There was a discussion on widening of the road. Mr. Popper said the current owner doesn't want to do anything until the current owner moves out.

7. Economic Developers Report

Mr. Popper reviewed his report dated June, 2015.

8. Old Business

a. North Tier STEAP Grant

Mr. Popper said they are doing the grants on a rolling basis. He said we did receive approval to use the \$300,000 for Cromwell Landing Park and just waiting for the transfer to go through. He said Arcadis is doing an analysis of the tank farm.

b. New STEAP Grant Application

9. Communications: (see attached P & Z minutes)

10. Chairman's Comments/Commissioner's Comments –

Chairman Nobile said things look good and are on track. Mr. Jahn said the Mayor is concerned with the fields and asked if Mr. Popper has ever given him a copy of the open space plan. Mr. Popper said no but the Mayor should be aware of it. Chairman Nobile said that the Board of Education is looking for properties to expand parks and Hagel gave them a piece of land. Mr. Popper said he also gave them a piece more recently by the high school. Mr. Jahn asked about Planning and Zoning reviewing the regulations again. Mr. Popper said it hasn't been formalized yet and we are still correcting definitions, typos etc. He said one of the biggest things is the residential uses in the downtown district was made non-conforming since they took out residential. He said we are looking to fix this at a public hearing at the meeting on July 7th.

Mr. Jahn said some Planning and Zoning minutes are missing from our package. Mr. Popper said I include what I have when your packages are sent out but they are also online as well.

Mr. Jahn asked about the phase II ESA for Frisbee Park. He said there is \$1 million in non-designated money in the general fund and why can't we get the \$23,000 now instead of waiting until next year.

A **motion** was made by Joe Fazekas and **seconded** by Robert Jahn to take \$23,000 for Phase II from current undesignated Fund balance. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

Mr. Popper will present that to the Town Council.

11. Approval of Minutes

a. May 21, 2015

A **motion** was made by Robert Jahn and **seconded** by Joe Fazekas to approve the minutes of May 21, 2015. *All were in favor; the motion passed.*

12. Good and Welfare

Mr. Fazekas asked if the EDC can give the Farmers Market some signs. Mr. Popper said let me look at the budget since money was shut off on June 9th.

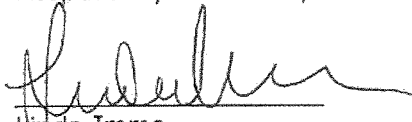
Mr. Fazekas said the Nike Site application is in process and we hope to have it in front of Planning and Zoning in July. Chairman Nobile said he saw the outline and it looks good with considerable open space.

Mr. Waters said the Memorial Day parade was beautiful and worth the effort.

13. Adjourn

A **motion** was made by Jay Polke and **seconded** by Robert Jahn to adjourn at 7:00pm. *All were in favor; the motion was passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Imme
Recording Clerk