

Phillipsburg Urban Enterprise Zone
Minutes of Meeting – July 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm by Chairperson Zwicker. In attendance were Chairman Zwicker, Helene Meissner, Mayor Stephen Ellis, Dorothy Kays, Gayle Rogers, Kelly Post Sheedy and Amy Hoppe. Also in attendance were Pat Dragotta and Robina Middleton.

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting were not available to be approved. This will be done at the next meeting.

Robina Middleton was in attendance. She is being put forward as an alternate member of this UEZ Board of Trustees. She shared with us the following: she is from Phillipsburg originally, moved away, and is back. She is on the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Warren County. She is a designer, artist, teacher, and instructor of book art and jewelry making.

Old Business:

- There is approximately \$15,000 in reimbursements from parking revenue that is due to the UEZ
- The Police Patrol Project – Phase 11 is over. There is no money left in that account. The account was actually overspent.
- There are 120 parking spaces in the lot at Riverside Way. Approximately 30 spaces are set aside for the Kobles, Sophia from the hot dog stand, and the Tattoo Parlor.
- Police are reinforcing parking.
- So. Main Street merchants pay \$99 for a residential pass.
- We need better signage for parking.

New Business:

- We received a \$1,000 grant from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation for a mural project. We now need to determine the best location to put a mural. One suggestion was the triangular wall by SoMa (heading south on S. Main St.) which is very visible when coming over the free bridge. There is also ongoing discussion about the old Coca-Cola sign but most are in agreement that we could face some copyright issues.

- A suggestion was made that we look into artifacts such as those at the Agway Building in hopes that they could one day be used at an Ingersoll museum documenting the town's history.
- There is a new restaurant next to Jimmy's Hotdogs called Crawdaddies.
- Sal LaDuca from La Bella Via restaurant may be coming before the board in the near future. He is looking to expand by enclosing his outdoor seating area so he will have more year round seating available. Business is good.
- "Angry Churico" is a new food truck in town run by 2 guys from Stewartsville.

Open Discussion:

- Nothing specific has begun with the lighting project. The Kobles have put up light blue rope lights. We need to set aside capital dollars to start lighting from Union Square south. There is a section with metal gates and stone work that might be a good spot for lights. However, the property where the gates are belongs to the Bridge Commission.
- Bridge Pointe is the new name for the former Ingersoll Property. Construction should start very soon on the first three buildings. They will be working on storm water retention and the road from Center Street. There will be a 6' fence and a 40-60 ft. buffer with the Valley View neighborhood.
- An inquiry was made about the Opportunity Zone and its potential. We were notified that it was not put on the agenda by council.
- The LMR issue was discussed. Some people are concerned about the empty containers, no variances, and how they received permits. Apparently another company applied to do the same thing but were not given a permit. It would appear that things were not done properly.

Helene Meissner made a motion to adjourn. Gayle Rogers seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene Meissner