

**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**June 15, 2016**

The meeting of the Libertyville Economic Development Commission was called to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall, 118 W Cook Ave, Libertyville, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John Cortesi, Commissioners William Abington, Brian Grano, Jeff Mateer, Steve Martin and Edward Werdell.

Members Absent: Commissioners Glenn Bockwinkel and Thomas Kreuser.

Staff Present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development and Heather Rowe, Economic Development Coordinator.

Others Present: Pam Hume, Main Street Libertyville.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Minutes:* The Commission approved the minutes of the April meeting [motion by Abington /second by Werdell].

**COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

Places for Eating Tax: The Commission reviewed the proposed tax. Ms. Rowe noted that a future Board meeting discussion on the subject has yet to be scheduled and that staff is in the process of researching a number of items requested by the Board in response to business questions (electronic filing, parking meters, etc). She mentioned that the Board continues to support use of the tax proceeds towards the General Fund to assist in anticipated future budgetary gaps, with some direct and indirect application towards policing, promotion, streetscape, cleaning, etc. to benefit the restaurants. The Commissioners supported the idea of a tax sunset clause with review every 3-5 years to determine need (less than three years might not offer sufficient data for Village Board's analysis; they would like restaurant representation on this review). It was suggested that a committee (including restaurant representation) review use of the funds. 1% is a fairly small amount on the overall bill. It does significantly impact alcohol sales which are usually a flat dollar figure.

The Commission didn't find the suggestion of parking meters favorable, as it acts as a barrier to customers and needs constant monitoring. They felt that if it was something desired, the best place would be on Milwaukee Avenue to assist with turnover, but if Milwaukee wasn't possible due to IDOT restrictions, it would probably not be worthwhile. As an alternate to parking meters, they inquired if the Village had considered increasing fees for vehicle stickers or Metra parking. They also requested that the Parking Commission and EDC share minutes.

Parking: Mr. Spoden noted that the Lake Street Garage construction continues per schedule, with grading and utility install underway. Ms. Rowe reviewed feedback about availability of parking during construction and the Village's efforts to promote alternate parking locations. Commissioner Grano indicated he is still negotiating a possible temporary valet service at PNC.

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The Commission inquired about any progress in negotiations with the Whitmore's and their disappointment over conditions at the shared parking lot behind that block.

Mr. Spoden noted that the Village Board is considering elimination of the zoning exemption for required parking for 1500 SF additions in the C-1 district.

Mr. Spoden provided an update on several developments, noting the following: the Village Board has contracted with architect Rick Swanson to design a new façade and updated interior for the existing downtown train station, no purchase contracts are pending on the Young property, and that the gas station developer at the southeast corner of Buckley/Milwaukee continues to await IDOT access approval to proceed.

Chairman Cortesi raised concerns relative to the negative press from recent arrests at local massage parlors. Mr. Spoden described Village's efforts to eliminate this type of illegal operation including: enforcement, addition of a Massage Establishment License, and changes to zoning to require that any new massage operations must be accessory to permitted uses in any office or commercial districts (salon, chiropractor, physical therapy, fitness studio, etc.). The Village has had success with these efforts but has some ways to go towards full compliance.

Ms. Hume noted that the Main Street Golf Outing is Monday and that all the summer events begin next week (Out to Lunch, Farmers Market, Dinner with the Band, and Car Fun). She also mentioned that The Craft Beer Store is relocating from Libertyville Crossings to the Redman's building behind Lovin Oven.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather J. Rowe,  
Economic Development Coordinator