

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
July 20, 2016

The meeting of the Libertyville Economic Development Commission was called to order at 7:34 a.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall, 118 W Cook Ave, Libertyville, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman John Cortesi, Commissioners William Abington, Glenn Bockwinkel, Brian Grano, Thomas Kreuser, Steve Martin and Edward Werdell.

Members Absent: Commissioners Jeff Mateer.

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

Others Present: Jeff Lovinger, Main Street Libertyville.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Places for Eating Tax: The Commission reviewed the proposed tax. Ms. Rowe provided an update noting that the Board recommended favorably to proceed with the tax at their July 12th Committee of the Whole meeting and would consider ordinance approval at an upcoming Board meeting. She mentioned that the Board reviewed comment from restaurants and would incorporate their suggestions on electronic filing and annual review within the ordinance. The following additional comments were noted:

- The Village's fiscal responsibility to identify necessary financial resources.
- The Village's employee parking fees are very low and should be reviewed as a possible source of additional funds in lieu of metering customer parking.

Parking: Mr. Spoden noted that the Church Street Garage construction continues per schedule, with foundation work underway. Ms. Rowe reviewed feedback about availability of parking during construction and the Village's efforts to promote alternate parking locations. Commissioner Grano indicated lunch business has been negatively affected at Mickey Finns but weekends remain fairly steady. Ms. Rowe noted that Main Street was discontinuing their Out to Lunch shuttle service. She also noted the Village had decided to delay further implementation of the proposed weekend evening shuttle service until October and will determine need/likelihood of use at that time. Mr. Lovinger noted the use of golf carts to shuttle customers in towns like Scottsdale, AZ. The Commission discussed whether this would be possible/feasible in Libertyville. Commissioner Grano indicated his opinion that the town was too small to make a shuttle effective.

Mr. Spoden provided an update on the Transit Oriented Development planning process and several developments. He noted the following: Swanson Development anticipates application for Trimm site development approvals in August, the Roanoke Group has application before the

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Appearance Review Commission for their residential development at the Archdiocese property, an application has been received to construct a veterinary clinic at the northwest corner of Park & Butterfield, and Auto Expo has applied for construction of a new carwash on the land in front of Life Storage on East Park.

Mr. Lovinger noted that the Main Street organization has teamed up with the David Adler Center to offer a Chef Fest in October. Tickets and sponsorships are now available.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather J. Rowe,
Economic Development Coordinator