

Bethel Local Development Corporation

January 18, 2017

The Bethel Local Development Corporation (BLDC) meeting was called to order by Supervisor Sturm at the Duggan Community meeting room on January 18, 2017.

Present: Daniel Sturm
Lillian Hendrickson
Victoria Simpson
Dawn Ryder
Bernard Cohen
Chris Cunningham

Absent: Fred Michel

Mr. Sturm began the meeting and wanted it noted for the record that there was a quorum.

Financial Report

Mr. Sturm went over the Balance and Profit & Loss sheets.

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Ryder to approve the 11/9/2016 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Schedule of meetings

The meeting schedule for 2017 will be the first Wednesday of every other month as follows:

March 1, 2017

May 3, 2017

July 5, 2017

September 6, 2017

November 1, 2017

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to approve dates, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Re-appoint Board Member

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to re-appoint Fred Michel as a Board Member for a 3 year term, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Appoint/Re-appoint officers

Chair – Daniel Sturm

Vice Chair – Victoria Simpson

Secretary – Fred Michel

Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson to approve appointments, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Bethel Business Association (BBA) Board member appointments

Nellie Broskin – Motion by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-1.

Suzanne White – Motion by Mrs. Hendrickson, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Carol Malek – Motion by Mrs. Ryder, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Kelly Bonnaci – Motion by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Hendrickson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Moreen Lerner – Motion by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Lillian Hendrickson as Liaison to BLDC – Motion by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Ryder, put to a vote and carried 4-0 with Mrs. Hendrickson abstaining.

BLDC Manager Report

Mr. Cunningham stated that Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Ryder and Mr. Michel are required to take an on line training course.

The Mission Statement was handed out and Mr. Cunningham asked the members to review.

Projects and Initiatives

Forest Reserve at Smallwood – Mr. Sturm stated that the exercise equipment will be installed in the spring. There will be a two sided sign at the entrance and two directional signs. One on Mt. Lakes Rd. and one on Golf Park.

The Highway department has cut logs for a bridge to go across the stream. It is not done yet, but will be.

CEAP

Mr. Sturm said there is money available.

BBA Projects

There are three committees. Events, marketing and membership. They are currently working on:

Bethel Guides

Rack Cards
Renewal applications

Bethel Council of the Arts

Mr. Cunningham stated that they are going to be a 501c. They will be taking their money out of the BLDC and will be handling it themselves. The BLDC will no longer be a pass through.

Healthy Community Initiatives

They are working on:

Farmers Market

Adding a link to the Town of Bethel website

Talking to the Seniors about healthy eating and living. Also letting them know about the Towns exercise programs.

Cultural District

Mr. Sturm stated that the Town is interested in a discussion about creating a cultural district on 17B.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted.

Dina Sturm

Recording Secretary