

Town of Walkersville

Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

Attendees: Commissioner Gary Baker, Ben Douds, Ray Soderberg, and Clara Winch

Citizen attendees: Two

7:30 – Meeting called to order by Ben Douds

Minutes from September 18, 2014 meeting approved as written. Passed 3-0.

Ben Douds asked if any more surveys have been completed. No new surveys. Ray asked if the information so far provided has been uploaded. It has. Ben Douds asked for the two citizens to introduce themselves as potential members of the EDC.

First to speak was Tarolyn Thrasher of PURE Love, Inc. Ms. Thrasher runs an after-school program for children and young adults on Pennsylvania Avenue. She is a resident of the Town. She also has experience in economic development having served on the Economic Development Commission in Miami, FL.

Second was Patrick Heidenberg of Scene Clean. Mr. Heidenberg's business is located on East Frederick Street and is involved in building damage mitigation and other activities. He does not live in the Town, but believes he has much to offer as he had to recently open his business here and is intimately familiar with the hassles accompanying this opening.

Ben Douds moves to draft a letter or memorandum to the Town Commission recommending both Ms. Thrasher and Mr. Heidenberg's appointment to the EDC. Seconded by Ray Soderberg. Passed 3-0.

Ray points out that the information on the business directory on the Town Website has not been categorized, which may be something we want to work on in the future, but not as yet with only a few businesses uploaded into the directory.

Ray Soderberg brings up a post Dawn had made on the Town's Facebook page regarding Awana, a program run by a local church. A comment was made on FB that this post was close to crossing a line. No-one on the EDC seemed to agree as the post was simply informational and did not involve proselytization.

Ray Soderberg mentioned that he has been seeing more of the State Troopers recently patrolling around where his business and others have been harassed by vandals.

Ben Douds called the meeting adjourned at 8:35