

Tuscarora Township

Economic Development Citizens Task Force

Tuscarora Township Hall

3546 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River, Mi 49749

9/28/2023

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Bob Murdock at 3PM.
- 2) Roll Call: Members Present: Bob Murdock, Monte Black, Robin Holderman, John Kimball, Shiloh Slomsky, Diane Friedreichsen.
Members absent: Kathy McClutchev
- 3) Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved.
- 4) New Member: Chairman Murdock welcomed new member Diane Friedrieschen to the task force.
- 5) Updates from Board Members:

John Kimball reported on contact with John Collins of the Collins Agency which has taken possession of the PNC Bank building. They have begun interior renovations and have retained the services of an architect for exterior renovation which may begin Spring of 24. Kimball suggested that design overlay data be forwarded to Mr. Collins when drafted.

Monte Black reported on unsuccessful contact with Pat and Garys regarding façade, lighting, landscaping etc. on building reconstruction.

- 6) By Laws: copies of By Laws for the task force were distributed, reviewed and approved.
- 7) Zoning Overlay: A general discussion ensued re possible details of zoning overlay (façade design, lighting, signage, landscaping options etc) . The Task Force plans to identify “5 to 10” items for the overlay, submit to the township for approval and for placement in the updated Master plan.
- 8) Certification: The Task Force identified the critical need to be “certified” In order to obtain grants to assist with financial assistance with the meeting of the zoning overlay requirements.

- 9) Chamber of Commerce Update: Shiloh Slomsky updated task force members re Chamber of Commerce/DDA etc. There appeared to be interest/concerns in better identifying and coordinating the efforts of these groups.
- 10) Current Proposals: Bob Kramer updated the Task Force on new development proposals being submitted to the Township
- 11) Public Comments: Attention was brought to the Task Force re new banners being installed on power poles, speed limits on Straits Hwy, landscaping at the "Sturgeon" corner. Dawn Webb expressed concerns re the formulation of the "new" Master Plan.

- 12) A motion to adjourn was approved and a next meeting date of OCTIBER 25 AT 3PM was set.