



The Town Of
Bridgeville
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Economic Development Committee
May 08, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Bridgeville Town Hall & Zoom
Minutes

- I. **Attending:** Richard Grinnell, Sue Grenier , Mike Szczechura (Zoom), Christine Correia, Ralph Root, and Suzanne Farris.

Absent: None


Also Attending: Bethany DeBussy
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for April 10, 2023 were approved.
- III. **EDC Financials:** None.
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Farm to Table:** Mike gave the committee an update on the Farm to Table event. There was a meeting held on April 26th. They discussed the menu and will be doing a farmer's market theme for the suppliers who are contributing to the Farm to Table. Mike said they plan to do a storefront theme for each supplier. Mike detailed what the menu will be for the event and who will be supplying each menu item. Mike stated they also discussed other sponsorships for the event and the different levels of participants. The sponsorship deadline will be July 10, 2023. They discussed entertainment, Charlie and the Cooltone's might be a possibility. The ticket price was also discussed and they talked about the possibility of bringing down the price from \$75 to \$60. Mike stated he thinks we should be able to afford bringing it down to \$60 and making our \$10,000.00 goal. The next meeting will be June 7th at Sugar Beet Market. Sue asked Mike if there would be any dessert. Mike said he will make a note to ask at the next meeting. We all think it might be ice cream related. Ralph asked what the date will be and Mike stated it will be September 16, 2023. Suzanne said she contacted Streets regarding the potatoes. Mike said that would be great and he would let the other folks know about it.
 - B. **Windshield Surveys:** Christine stated she will finish her and Mike's windshield survey that week and will add it to the shared drive. Richard and Sue discussed their format for their windshield survey and we are going to question Bethany regarding a type of format for the survey's and if we are going to blend both surveys together. Mike and Christine discussed our windshield survey to the committee. Ralph had a question for Bethany regarding giving commercial places a better look. Suzanne said they tried doing that a

few years prior to give an incentive to these commercial properties. Ralph suggested a tall fence for some places that have junk etc. and if the Town has the ability. Suzanne said there was discussion with the commissioners about 2-3 years ago. There was no in town bylaws and there was nothing they could currently do. Sue questioned if the Town could pass an ordinance to add to the Code. Suzanne the committee a few years ago had discussed the empty buildings such as Pioneer Antiques. Bethany returned so Ralph asked Bethany regarding his initial question. Bethany stated that the location Ralph was questioning was not part of Town so they had no jurisdiction. Bethany discussed the Code and the definitions of junk/clutter. Bethany stated she would like our windshield surveys individually and they will be compiled all into the same format. Richard said if Ralph and Suzanne could get out to do their windshield surveys.

- C. Traffic Box Wraps.** Bethany stated she is a month behind on that due to being busy.
- D. EDC May goals:** Bethany said finishing the windshield surveys. Bethany said she is hoping to get the hard copy and online surveys out this month. Richard asked how we could help her with that. Bethany stated the goal was to get us to help put that stuff together and make sure it's all good before going out. Bethany said if the budget stuff goes smoothly, she should be able to do a lot of work the next two weeks and share with us to make sure we are all on the same page and have them go out in June. Ralph asked how we could help with administrative work. Bethany said most of it is website building but there is some manual work in terms of mailing the surveys. Ralph said if she needs help, she has his number. Bethany appreciated it. The next two weeks to gather all that information. Bethany said the surveys can go out at the same time as the bills, but not to put them in the same mailing as the bills since not everyone looks at their paper bill.

- V. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Correia, Transcriptionist