

Village of Belleville
Community Economic and Development Committee
Minutes
April 12, 2012
Village Hall

Present: Carol Larson, Rick Francois, Keith Lehnherr, Herb Blaser, Johan Veeneman, Jerry Jansen, Scott Hayes, Jim Schmitz, Diane O'Connor, Christine Lade, and Mike O'Connor.

Absent: Randi MacLeod and Howard Ward.

Meeting called to order by Chair, Judy Bacha at 7:07 AM.

Rick Francois moved to approve the March 8, 2012 minutes as written. Mike O'Connor seconds the motion.

Jerry Jansen reminded the members of the upcoming Thrive meeting at the Sheraton, as well as, the GCDC Annual Meeting in New Glarus.

Judy Bacha informed the members of a conversation with a business owner with an interest in opening a restaurant on Main Street. Vince comes from a family of restaurant owners with locations through out south eastern Wisconsin. The members provided a number of locations on Main Street which may be possible such as the Amcore Bank building, the space above the print shop, lease the space from Pat, or the Depot.

Judy Bacha introduced Deb Watterson, owner of Sugar River Pizza as our special guest. Deb informed the members on the progress of their new location on Railroad Street in New Glarus. Deb and her husband purchased a building and are in the process of renovating it. The facility will have a seating capacity of approximately 80 patrons. This facility opens up the Monticello market to delivery service. Deb will remain in Belleville and wants to locate a larger space to include inside dining. Deb is looking for approximately 2000 square feet. Johan asked whether the Village of New Glarus assisted them financially. Deb stated they never approached the Village. Rick Francois suggested the Depot as a possible location. Carol Larson also expressed interest in relocating to the Depot.

The members held a discussion surrounding the Landmark facility. Herb Blaser reminded the members that Landmark must move their fertilizer plant from that facility, so the question is where they will go and just how much the move will cost the corporation. Rick believes with viable business interest the project will proceed in a quicker time frame.

Keith Lehnherr announced the Economic Development web pages are ready to go live.

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Herb Blaser moved to adjourn. Diane O'Connor seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Bacha, Chair

