



CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers
519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417

Grand Haven EDC/BRA Meeting, August 7, 2023

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bonamy at 4:00 pm. Roll Call:

Present: Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Linda Weavers, Tom Braciak, Eric Schmidt, Joy Gaasch, Bill Van Lopik, Jim Bonamy

Absent: Brook Bisonet

Also Present: Elizabeth Butler, Ashley Latsch, Emily Greene, Tim Price, Andrea Ryswick (EGLE), Mayor Cathy McNally

Approval of Minutes of the July 3, 2023, meeting:

Motion to Approve by Gaasch, second by Fritz. Motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Audience:

No response.

Presentation on EGLE Brownfield Program "Brownfield 101"

Andrea Ryswick, Brownfield Coordinator with of the Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy presented detailed information on the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Program, covering brownfield definition, eligible activities, overview of incentives including grants, loans, and tax increment reimbursement financing, project examples, and additional tools. Ms. Ryswick is the contact for partnering with EGLE on brownfield projects for our area and can direct calls.

Greene will forward the PowerPoint presentation file to EDC/BRA members.

Mayor McNally questioned the local only vs. state education tax capture; Bonamy stated that there were many factors to be considered in each case.

Economic Incentive Policy Review:

Latsch presented a draft City of Grand Haven Economic Incentive Policy 2023-2024. The intent of the written policy is to create a transparent framework for evaluation of incentive requests and a clear communication tool to aid developers and guide expectations in making requests. Bonamy stated that the Policy would be a tool for case-by-case review of requests. The EDC/BRA members reviewed the draft Policy section by section, made several comments and suggestions, which will be incorporated into a revised draft.

The committee agreed by consensus to schedule a special meeting at 4:00 pm, on August 14, 2023, in City Hall Council Chambers to review the revised draft, approve changes, and make a recommendation to City Council.

Report from City Manager:

No report.

Receive Financial Reports:

Greene stated that Noto's loan was paid off. A 9/11/23 small claims court date was set for two delinquent loans.

Other Business:

Weavers asked whether action was being taken on revision of the By-Laws. Gaasch commented that this work should be done by a smaller subcommittee and would ultimately require approval from the state.

Motion to Adjourn by Braciak, second by Fritz, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.