

Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of November 13, 2018

Present: Don Toffolo, Don Germann, Chris Fast, Gerry Arno, Joe Ruden, Abe Graves, Penny Sarles and Ron Gow.

Absent: Gale Fix

Also Present: Manager Gray

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Don Germann and was supported by Ron Gow to approve the minutes from September 11, 2018. All in favor. Absent: Gale Fix. Motion carried.

After lengthy discussion regarding the Klein Tool Building, a motion was made by Gerry Arno and supported by Don Germann to appoint a committee for the purpose of marketing and the reuse of the Klein Tool Building. The committee consists of Don Toffolo, Gerry Arno, Ron Gow and Abe Graves. All in favor. Absent: Gale Fix. Motion carried.

Manager Gray spoke briefly regarding the annual Christmas in Jonesville event, which will take place Friday, November 30, 2018 through Sunday, December 2, 2018. The DDA is sponsoring the tree lighting in Carl Fast Park on Friday night and the window decorating contest. Santa Claus will arrive at 5:30 p.m. in the Park on Friday, November 30th with the Jonesville High School band playing Christmas songs, carolers from the Sauk Theatre, luminaries and refreshments. Volunteers for serving hot chocolate will be Gerry and Vicky Arno, Don Germann will be charge of supplies, and Santa's elves will be Penny Sarles and Cindy Means.

Ron Gow made a motion and was supported by Don Germann to approve the 2019 DDA meeting calendar. All in favor. Absent: Gale Fix. Motion carried.

Don Germann made a motion and was supported by Abe Graves to reappoint Penny Sarles to a four year term on the DDA. All in favor. Absent: Gales Fix. Motion carried.

An update of the MDOT Signal Maintenance Project was provided by Manager Gray.

Discussion ensued regarding Riverfest and the possibility of a development of a new 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization that would encompass the current Jonesville Business Association and Riverfest Committee to form a new Downtown events group. Topics of discussion were Ramshackle Brewery, Biggby Coffee, Spangler's Restaurant, old service stations at 122 W. Chicago Street and 264 E. Chicago Street, and Reading Street expansion to M-99 at Industrial Parkway.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means, Clerk

