**City of Marine City**

**Community and Economic Development Board**

**April 28, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Community and Economic Development Board was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 by virtual telephone conference, and was called to order by Chairperson Scaccia at 6:09 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Scaccia.

**Present: Chairperson Scaccia; Planning Commission Representative Joseph Moran; City Commission Representative Cheryl Vercammen; Board Member Hatcher; Board Member Klingler; City Manager Elaine Leven; Deputy Clerk Michele Goodrich**

**Absent: TIFA Board Representative Weisenbaugh**

**Communications**

None.

**Approve Agenda**

Motion by City Commission Representative Vercammen, seconded by Planning Commission Representative Moran, to approve the agenda. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Hatcher, Klingler, Moran, Scaccia, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by Board Member Klingler, seconded by City Commission Representative Vercammen, to approve the Community & Economic Development Board minutes of March 24, 2021. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Hatcher, Klingler, Moran, Scaccia, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried

**Unfinished Business**

Shuttle Service

Chairperson Scaccia stated that she had contacted Blue Water Area Transit but had been unable to set up a meeting.

Clinton River Cruise Boat

Planning Commission Representative Moran advised the Board that Mr. Gallas would like to retire and that he would like to find a partner that would run the business and he would supply the boat. Mr. Gallas submitted a letter to the City Commission for the May 6 meeting, requesting to lease the City property adjacent to Mr. Perkowski’s property.

Board Member Klingler stated that he would be willing to work out an agreement with Mr. Gallas regarding using his property at the Southeast corner of Chartier and Parker for parking, storage and signage upon City Commission approval of Mr. Gallas’ request. Board Member Klingler advised the Board that he would be attending the May 6 City Commission meeting in support of Mr. Gallas.

Splash Cash Raffle

Chairperson Scaccia informed the Board that the Marine City Area Chamber of Commerce agreed to partner with the Community and Economic Development Board to obtain licensing and issue tickets for the Splash Cash Raffle. She asked Board members to each sell 10 tickets.

**New Business**

St. Clair County Informational Updates – Community Foundation Grant Application

Chairperson Scaccia informed the Board that she was submitting a grant application for $45,000 to the St. Clair County Community Foundation to help offset costs for the Marine City Marina land acquisition and that she had received several letters of support from organizations throughout the County.

Board Member Klingler questioned when the grant announcement would be made; Chairperson Scaccia replied that she was unsure.

Chairperson Scaccia advised the Board that the City had no formal mission statement and she would like to task the CED Board to create one. A clear mission statement is requested on most grant applications.

Summer Splash Bash – Chamber of Commerce

Chairperson Scaccia provided updates on the Marine City Area Chamber of Commerce event, Summer Splash Bash, to be held June 26. She informed the Board that there would be a guided kayak tour, nautical themed vendors and that Malcom Marine was trying to figure out a way to bring in and tie up a tugboat. She stated that vendors could sponsor a wooden freighter cutout that would be featured in Nautical Park.

**Open Discussion**

Planning Commission Representative Moran questioned what the status of the Kayak Launch was; City Manager Leven responded that the City was still waiting on permits from EGLE. She stated that the City was going to go ahead and purchase the launch and that she would work on escalating the permit.

Board Member Klingler questioned if the Chamber of Commerce obtained the proper licensing for the Splash Cash Raffle; Chairperson Scaccia responded that they did.

City Commission Representative Vercammen invited Joyce Milaszewski with RLM Development to speak. Mrs. Milaszewski informed the Board that her development company was moving forward with building on her vacant lot on Water Street and that they would like to break ground mid-September. Mrs. Milaszewski stated that she was interested in continuing to invest in Marine City.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Board Member Klingler, seconded by City Commission Representative Vercammen to adjourn at 6:49 pm. **Roll Call Vote.** Ayes: Hatcher, Klingler, Moran, Scaccia, Vercammen. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Goodrich

Deputy Clerk

Kristen Baxter

City Clerk