

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

The Phillipsburg Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) met on September 12, 2018, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance Munyon.
- ATTENDANCE** BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Angie Wells; Dustin Springer; Morris Engle; Mike Gower; Rhonda Keese; Mildred Hadley; Taylor Redinger; Jayne Holle; Dakota Wilkinson; Stacie Ricker; Lance Munyon.
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Bugbee; Max Dibble; Doug Isernhagen.
- ALSO PRESENT: Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.
- MINUTES APPROVED** Munyon requested a correction to the 08/08/18 minutes, removing the following from the Business Survey portion, "PCED will meet with those identified businesses interested in expansion or assistance". Moved by Engle, seconded by Ricker, to approve the August 8, 2018 minutes as amended. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- ACTION PLAN** Munyon will be creating action plans that will track progress and plans by area/project so the community can stay informed of the progress towards Vision 2030.
- TRAINING** Engle reported he is planning some instructional seminars.
- SPORTS COMPLEX** Springer reported the committee has a lead on some land for the sports complex. The group has a preliminary layout and the next steps will be to obtain costs. It should be known by the end of September about the land. September 30 is the next committee meeting.
- CITY OF CHARACTER** Ricker provided information concerning the City of Character project. Ricker and Wells have met about the current strategy and working with the city vision. They are selecting words that are associated with the community to embrace the culture and use in marketing. Creating a positive community and working to promote that change within the community. Wells talked about banners with words to get citizens to think positive and promote togetherness.
- CITY VISION & MISSION** Munyon and the City Council will be working on a vision and mission statement next meeting.
- ENTERTAINMENT** Wells provided information concerning the entertainment district. A brewery will be opening in the downtown area. Two business buildings around the courthouse square are not being used. There is one business building of the square not in use for business at this time. Discussion was held concerning a bowling alley. More input is needed as to what citizens want.
- SCHOOLS** Gower reported on the new state school accreditation program. The schools will be judged by what their former students are doing 2 years after high school. The new program will require 70% of graduates to be at the certificate level or above. Gower

shared about students visiting vo-tech schools as well as universities and doing job shadowing.

GOLF COURSE	Redinger reported the Golf Club Board is looking at selling the building. He will be meeting with Munyon concerning the operation of the course. The Golf Club Board has discussed selling the equipment and giving the land to the City.
MILLENNIALS	Wells stated more millennials are moving back to the area.
HEALTHCARE	Holle reported Dr. Wisinger is accepting patients. Phillips County Health Systems (PCH) is creating a patient centered culture. The hospital main entrance is now located at the outpatient clinic. Discussion was held concerning the new procedure at PCH using placenta for wound care. Hadley reported mammograms can now be done in house at PCH and Katie VanAllen is the technician. Holle also reported Rex Walk will be addressing questions brought up by the Phillips County Review article in The Advocate.  Holle reported the PCH Building Committee is selling bricks for a walkway from the new entrance to the emergency room entrance.
HOUSING	Phillips County Economic Development (PCED) is working on housing.
VISION - BYPASS	Holle commented the Highway 183 bypass is not listed on the vision. Munyon reported he had met with Max Dibble concerning this and the State is looking for projects that have matching funds. Discussion was held concerning the impact a bypass might have on the city.
DAYCARE	Wells reported the new daycare construction will begin next week.
AMPITHEATRE	Munyon discussed this project with and provided case studies to Sarah Rudd.
ADA COMPLIANCE	Driggs reported the committee is getting ready to start grant applications.
FIELDHOUSE	Munyon reported the fieldhouse project is quite away down the road after the sports complex.
PCCF FUND	Munyon will work with Engle to setup a fund in the Phillips County Community Foundation (PCCF) to accept donations toward the vision. Discussion was held concerning other cities contacting their school alumni to share the vision and accept donations.
ACTION PLANS	Munyon will be creating action plans by area so the community can identify the issues.
WALKING TRAIL	Jillian Bohl is working with Engle to apply for a community grant.
COMMUNITY DEVO POSITION	Munyon reported he has asked the City Council to consider creating a Community Development/Vision Implementer position.
COMMUNICATION PLAN	The communication plan was discussed. Ricker stated Munyon has a passion for the vision and he should share the big picture while others can share the bite size pieces as they develop. Engle reminded everyone of the importance that it is a community vision.

NETWORKING Discussion was held concerning business networking and the need for businesses to be viable. It was noted there are opportunities available for entrepreneurs.

BUDGET Discussion was held concerning the Industrial Development Fund budget.

PCCF GRANTS Engle reported PCCF grant applications open again on Monday.  
Engle left at 7:10 p.m.

VISION No additions were made to the vision document.

PRESENTATIONS Discussion was held concerning community presentations. Munyon will meet with the Rotary Club on November 1<sup>st</sup>. PCH has 115 employees. A town hall meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Huck Boyd Center and be videoed. The City has approximately 23 employees. Wells can provide e-mail information to the Chamber members. Redinger can do presentations to the banks.

ADJOURN Moved by Holle, seconded by Hadley, to adjourn – time 7:16 p.m.

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Brenda L. Chance, City Clerk