

Archbald Borough Community Development and Economic Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2025

Meeting Called to Order by Jamie at 7:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Brian, Jamie, Kayleigh, Cindy, Jim, Fran

Absent: Laura, Cindy

Approval of December minutes

New Business:

Introductions:

Fran introduced herself. Fran mentioned that she is involved in the state level of the Lion's Club and said she can assist with getting community oriented grants for Archbald.

We talked about having a possible ice skating rink in Archbald. We talked about having a skating rink on the pond at Staback Park or possibly bringing in a synthetic rink. Jamie is going to research possible options.

Brian introduced himself.

Marie introduced herself. Marie is filling in for Laura tonight. Marie mentioned that we have a grant writer now for the Borough so please send ideas to Dan to make the connection with Nathan and Meghan Barrett, the grant writers. We received \$5,000 for the fishing pier. It can be anywhere.

Kayleigh introduced herself. Marie mentioned that she has been trying to turn one floor of the borough building into a community center.

Reorganization: We have one position open which Fran may take. Brian made a motion to keep Jamie as Chairman. Seconded by Kayleigh. Kayleigh made a motion to keep Brian as Vice Chair and was seconded by Jamie. Brian made a motion to keep Kayleigh as secretary and seconded by Jamie.

Laura and Cindy were both absent so there was no update from December council meeting.

Jamie said that there will be announcement of a development behind Pine Line Motors. It is looking like data centers with about 500 tech jobs.

Jamie stated the University of Scranton intern will be working on social media.

Jamie stated there was no update on the Main Street Matter grant. We talked about how getting an envisioning grant is an extremely high priority so we can plan for the future and direct all of our ideas and get further funding. Jamie is going to schedule a meeting with Kyle Mullins office since applying for the envisioning grant through the Main Street Matters Program seems to have fallen through.

Marie and Fran stated that there should be a liaison to communicate between all the borough committees.

Jamie stated that Dave would like a welcome packet created. Dan gave us a new packet to possibly start a welcome packet or newsletter.

Kayleigh gave an update on Business of the Month. she posted Tag'd as January Business of the Month and to please share.

Jamie made a motion to spin a spinner with businesses for our February business of the month. The rest of the months will be picked by businesses that answer the questions on social media. The winner was Ginger's Pies.

Jamie will reach out to University of Scranton intern to do a post about getting other businesses to answer questions so they can be put in the running in the future.

Kayleigh stated that Lynn with On Trend Boutique and Gift Shop and Linda with Tag'd said they can do a ribbon cutting on Tuesday or Thursday night in January or February. We discussed that we will set a tentative date for the ribbon cutting as Tuesday, February 4th at 5:30 pm. Kayleigh will check with Lynn and Linda to make sure that is a good date.

Jamie stated that Dan is setting up a meeting with the University of Scranton and how they can rebrand the pothole.

Marie stated that she can connect us with planning, and zoning.

We talked about our goals. Fran stated that she likes to get people involved in different events like decorating scarecrows, give out tags so they get something free at a local business. She is passionate about creating events to draw people into businesses. Maybe do a contest for the businesses seasonally.

It was mentioned that it would be great to get a grocery store on business route 6.

Marie mentioned that she thinks the borough building should be opened to the public.

Jamie mentioned that we should have a parking space at the borough building for facebook marketplace and custody transfers with cameras.

We then talked about having a space in the borough for private events. Fran mentioned having a space with big garage doors. Kayleigh gave an update on the Colliery and how the oil house went out to bid and Marywood did designs for the Fan House to be a flexible event space.

Marie brought up a pickle ball tournament, and Jamie mentioned maybe we could do it through Gather! Archbald.

No public input.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 by Brian and seconded by Jamie.

Action Items:

Jamie: research possible options for bringing/creating an ice skating area in Archbald.

Reach out to University of Scranton intern to do post having businesses answer business of the month questions so they can be entered to be business of the month.

Setup meeting with Kyle Mullins office to get funding for envisioning grant.

Kayleigh: Schedule date for ribbon cutting for Tag'd and On Trend Boutique and Gift Shop and start planning. Tentatively 2/4 at 5:30 pm

Next meeting will be TUESDAY February 11th at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kayleigh Cornell