

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2016
4:00 p.m., Council Chambers



1. Call to Order by Bolt at 4:38 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Eugen Gawreliuk, Mike Henry, Andy Klavins, Christine Valentine, Art Bolt

Absent: Barbara Craig, Robert Herrera, Stephanie Timmer

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Valentine, second by Henry to approve the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2016

Motion by Henry, second by Klavins to approve the April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Introduction of Mike Gurnee, MDEQ Brownfield Coordinator.

Gurnee introduced himself and his credentials, noting he was hired 5 weeks ago to a new position, Brownfield Coordinator, in the Kalamazoo office. His job is to come and learn what is happening in the communities. The Aylworth property, the fact that it might have brownfield issues, if you are looking for brownfield money with redevelopment, that application comes to Gurnee's desk. Noted that he would like to know ahead of time what is coming down the pike and how he can help the Brownfield Authority get that job done. Stated their goal as remediation for redevelopment, noting when there are developers like today that want to bring things in, those projects increase the tax base; get old vacant properties that are dirty ready to use; those are the projects we are looking for. Spoke about doing outreach and determining the metrics for what has been done before, noting that offers do not always work out the way they are submitted.

Gurnee would like to be a regular at the Brownfield meetings; have an ear out for what is happening and give the Brownfield Authority an avenue into the DEQ. Gurnee concluded, "If you have questions, I might not know the answers. If I don't, I'll find somebody that does."

6. Interested Citizens in the Audience Will be Heard on Items Not on the Agenda

There were none.

7. Financial Report

Hosier reviewed the financial report.

8. General Comments

Bolt asked about the Factory Condominium cleanup. Dissette will get a copy of the timeline and get it out to the board. Valentine said the completion date is now 2019 which is a little disheartening. A brief discussion followed regarding the amount of electricity the cleanup is going to take.

Henry thought the cleanup is supposed to start soon, noting there is some equipment there which Henry thought that was the mobilization site.

Valentine stated that the only thing that is there right now is some barrels. Valentine volunteered to bring a copy of the timeline down to city hall so Dissette can send it out to the board.

Valentine asked if the condo owners are still required to do air testing, noting that they thought they were off the hook while the cleanup was in process, but that is a bit vague.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Klavins, second by Henry to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marsha Ransom
Recording Secretary