

Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of **August 9, 2016**

Attendance: Judy Andrade, Andre Benoit, Scott Blinkhorn, Neil Cook, Geoffrey Cooper, Ulric Deojay, Andrew Hadfield. **Absent:** James Filice, Cindy Donall, and Ross Farrugia.

Staff present – Russell Gray and Patricia Ball

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geoffrey Cooper at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N. Cook made a motion, seconded by A. Hadfield to accept as written the 6/14/2016 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Phase II Industrial Park Parcel: No new information at this time. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by J. Andrade to table this item until the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Discussion of drainage issues within the Industrial Park: U. Deojay provided the committee with information regarding a quote he received to have the trees cut and chipped around the retention pond area. This would be the initial step needed in an effort to begin corrective action for the drainage issues. Due to high costs and lack of available town funding to correct the water drainage issues, the commission discussed means of obtaining other sources of funding. U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by J. Andrade to have P. Ball discuss with R. Gray the possibility of the Incubator site expanding its property lines to include the retention pond area so that the commission may retain better control over the drainage issues. This may allow for the possibility of using Incubator funds to support the necessary work. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. 1110 Plainfield Pike: P. Ball updated the commission on the status of 1110 Plainfield Pike. Monique Rouillard of The Partner Network has been contracted as the realtor to help sell the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Land adjacent to Industrial Park: P. Ball stated David Berkowitz came into the office two weeks ago introducing himself and sent a follow-up letter to the EDC office offering to sell land adjacent to the Sterling Industrial Park. U. Deojay made a motion, seconded by S. Blinkhorn to approve the negotiations for the possible purchase of land adjacent to the Industrial Park.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by A. Benoit, seconded by U. Deojay to adjourn at 8:09 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by,

Patricia Ball, Economic Development Coordinator