

**DE TOUR AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**April 19, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the De Tour Area Economic Development was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in the De Tour Village Memorial Hall at 6:00pm. Board members present were Rob Bloch, Marilyn McGuire, Brandon Rairigh, Jerry Schopp, and Jeremy Vredenburg. Jodi Vredenburg arrived during the meeting. Members absent were Susie Baker, and Debbie Fountain. Mark Fair has verbally resigned at this time due to a busy schedule. Diane Stocking was public attendee.

A motion was made by Marilyn McGuire and supported by Jeremy Vredenburg to approve the March 2017 minutes as presented. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Jeremy Vredenburg and supported by Jerry Schopp to approve the April Treasurer's Report as presented. All were in favor.

There were no bills for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update on M134 - The Public Hearing was held, all pertinent documentation was emailed to Paul Gaberdiel for MDNR and MDOT requirements.

Farm to Table – tabled to discuss following year.

Starline Cruise from St. Ignace to Drummond Island Event is on hold at this time.

Festival events and websites tabled until Susie Baker is available to inform EDC Board.

Farmers Market – Rob and Marilyn will manage 2017 Season. Tom Lehman volunteered to open and close the month of June.

Review of Summer Concerts – Jeremy informed the Board Highway 63 is booked for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Last Band Standing confirmed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Marina. Johnny Fountain will confirm with Jodi if housing is needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> events. Moosehead Lodging has availability, but needs confirmation ASAP.

De Tour Band is booked for Riverfest and will need housing. Per Jeremy, the Fire Department will serve food at the Pavilion on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Per Brandon, he will head up the lawn mower races. Rob stated this information is for Susie Baker/ Festival Committee. EDC is no longer involved.

Business Training Workshop – online/social media training will be held on April 27 for De Tour, Drummond Island and Cedarville/Hessel businesses. This workshop is free to the local businesses.

EDC will promote business and market existing business opportunities using social media.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rob Bloch has done extensive research regarding the possibility of a marihuana business in Village/Township and changes in law coming in December 2017. Rob meet with a prospective company owner to discuss the interest and needs in De Tour. Rob Bloch, Jeremy Vredenburg and Dave Henderson were asked by Council at the April meeting to research all information and present to Council at the May meeting. Rob asked the board to complete a pro's and con's list prior to the May Council meeting. Marilyn will compile the list for Council's review. Council will be informed of Ordinance /Zoning requirements. Diane Stocking spoke confirming her client's intent to purchase real-estate for his business. The consensus of Board was in favor of this opportunity.

2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget was discussed. Ad placement and payment for LED budgeted for 2017.

A motion was made by Marilyn McGuire and supported by Brandon Rairigh to continue advertisement. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Brandon Rairigh, meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn McGuire