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PINE ISLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

Meeting Notes: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM, EDA Office

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Present	Name	Organization	Present
Tammy Berg-Beniak	School Dist 255		Rod Steele	City of Pine Island	
John Champa	School Dist 255	X	Jerry Vettel	City of Pine Island	X
Kim Fall	School Dist 255		Madge Alberts	Milton Twp	
Rob Warneke	School Dist 255	X	Dale Thomforde	New Haven Twp	
Karen Doll	Pine Island EDA	X	Mark Thein	Oronoco Twp	X
Troy Kuball	Pine Island EDA		Richard Miller	Pine Island Twp	X
Rick Keane	Pine Island EDA		Gale Hoven	Roscoe Twp	
Morgan Hansen	Van Horn Library	X	Greg Houdek	Park Board Chair	X

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

2. Township Updates

- **Oronoco Township** – There’s not much new to report; everything seems to be going fine. The Township is dealing with a resident decided to dispose of materials from a torn out basement in a road ditch.
- **Pine Island Township** – Things are going fine; they also had an interesting story about garbage left in a ditch. No word as yet concerning the zoning regulation changes. ‘Rural enclaves’ which allow 16 houses per section were explained.

3. City Updates

- **City Update (Jerry Vettel)** – The City recently held a pre-construction meeting with Rochester Sand and Gravel about the Frontage Road project. They are scheduled to begin construction around June 10; Dollar General has presented building and site design plans to the City for their approval
- **Park Board** – The monthly meeting had to be cancelled, so there was nothing new to report. Current Board members are Greg Houdek, Teresa Carlson, and Eileen Byrne. They are working to recruit additional members. Karen Doll reported that David Anderson from the Goodhue County Health Department has followed up to say that 2014 State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) funds [approximately \$10,000] are designated to create networks for safer places to walk and bike by identifying biking destinations and paths for health disparities. Planning for repurposing the Flood Buyout Area does not qualify.

- **Van Horn Library** – The Summer Reading Program starts this week with 175 kids already signed up. (275-300 kids on average participate in the summer). The Board and staff are currently working on a preliminary budget for 2015. The Board has determined that the school's offer to use the elementary IMC space on a temporary basis would not be a good fit for the public library. No short or long range plan for building is in place at this time and the Board is open to collaboration with the community. There has been some discussion around the idea of a community center, senior housing, and library combination.
 - **EDA** – The Dollar General project is scheduled for a 2014 build and all things seem to be going in the right direction. It will be a 10,000 sq. ft. building and is estimated to create 8-10 jobs. The City will be participating in a series of meetings with DMC, SMIF, READI and 9 other communities over the next few months to work on development of a regional promotional strategy. SMIF has offered to donate \$60,000 in seed money to help get 2-3 projects off the ground that stem from the work. The EDA and City continue to work on the potential USDA financing program which has the potential to be used for the construction of a segment of 125th Street in hopes that it may push ahead Olmsted County's 2017-18 timeline.
- 4. School Updates** – The exterior walls of the new school facility will be pre-cast. Bids will be awarded on June 26th. A Communication Section is being added to the School's website to keep the public informed of the building project's progress. Contractors are scheduled to break ground in September, 2014. The School Board is looking at an early out in the spring and a late start in the fall of 2015 to accommodate construction. Reconfiguration of the existing facility to accommodate 5-12 will likely begin in Feb, Mar, or Apr of 2015. The new track is tentatively scheduled to be ready for the 2016 spring season.
- 5. Review of Jan 31, 2013 Input Meeting Results** – The group reviewed the report of information generated from the Jan 31, 2013 input meeting and discussed some of the ideas that were generated which concerned immediate and future issues and/or vision for the community. Suggestions:
- Pine Island needs a fast food restaurant with a drive-up window.
 - CPT should consider planning a second Community Input Meeting within the next 6 months to find out where the community's priorities lie since the referendum passed
 - Is there a possibility for the school and City to work out a temporary lease arrangement so that adults could use the ball fields and be allowed to consume alcohol until the City is able to construct fields?
 - An LED sign on east side of Island Market or along County 11 announcing community events and allowing local businesses to advertise
 - Celebrate P was a great community event - it should be an annual celebration
(Winter Fest – February; Cheese Fest – June; Celebrate PI – September?)
- 6. Next meeting: July 9 at 7 pm in the EDA Office. Note taker was not determined.**