



PINE ISLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

Meeting Notes: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM, EDA Office

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Present	Name	Organization	Present
Tammy Berg-Beniak	School Dist 255		Rod Steele	City of Pine Island	X
John Champa	School Dist 255		Jerry Vettel	City of Pine Island	X
Kim Fall	School Dist 255		Madge Alberts	Milton Twp	X
Rob Warneke	School Dist 255		Dale Thomforde	New Haven Twp	X
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
Kevin McDermott	City of Oronoco				

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

2. Township Updates

- **Milton Township** – Board decided to keep a representative at the CPT; having some discussion and controversy about feedlots; had a suicide occur on one of the township roads
- **Oronoco Township**- Went to Humphrey Institute & received \$5000 award; group came to last meeting to complain about snowplowing;
- **Pine Island Township** – 2 people running again for election;
- **New Haven Township** – 2 people have filed for election (2 positions); town line road agreement with Oronoco township; received a letter about ZipRail

3. School Updates: - None due to school board being at retreat; school gave presentation at the MN School Board Association; roof is going on school; looking for easements from Tower for utilities

3. City Updates

- **City of Oronoco** -
 - **City of Pine Island** – Directed city attorney to draft a social host ordinance; re-evaluating way that Fire Department Chief is selected; lights up on roundabout; having discussions about Kwik Trip interchange;
 - **Park Board** – Have a new park board member; need to elect a new chair; pool committee hasn't met in awhile – will try to put together meeting in February;
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- **Van Horn Library** – Hot Reads for Cold Nights (winter reading program for adults) runs through January 31; Holiday open house held in conjunction with Progressive Lunch was very successful; One Town One Title community reading program kicks off on February 2; received additional funding from Olmsted County – % increase received this year was the same as Rochester Library;
- **EDA** – Working with a couple of prospective hotel chains; EDA agreed to partner in a hotel feasibility study; continue to work with a lot of businesses behind the scenes; EDA is gearing up for annual meeting; re-submitting a grant application to research a shared wastewater treatment plant with Oronoco; Image Committee is working on Winter Fest for January 31;

4. Discussion Items

- CPT Face Book Page & Questionnaire: FB page is gateway to survey – Mark will start publicizing;
- “Buy Local” & Inclusion of Local Business Leaders: Should we perhaps include business leaders on the CPT? Consensus was to invite Chamber to send a representative.
- Suggestions from Interested Citizen: Consensus was to invite Mr. McGlinch to next meeting to share his ideas

5. Next meeting: February 11 at 7 pm at the EDA Office. Notetaker: Karen

Notes submitted by: Morgan Hansen