

# PINE ISLAND public schools



## PINE ISLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

**Meeting Notes: Wednesday, August 19th, 2015 – 7:00 PM, New K-4 Elementary**

### ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Present	Name	Organization	Present
Tammy Berg-Beniak	School Dist 255	x	Rod Steele	City of Pine Island	x
John Champa	School Dist 255	x	Jerry Vettel	City of Pine Island	
Kim Fall	School Dist 255	x	Madge Alberts	Milton Twp	x
Rob Warneke	School Dist 255	x	Dale Thomforde	New Haven Twp	x
Karen Doll	Previous EDA Director	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		Todd Omberg	Park Board Chair	x
Kevin McDermott	City of Oronoco		Courtney Schaefer	Chamber of Commerce	x
Kevin Cardille	School District 255		Nate Carlson	EDA Director	x

### TOUR OF NEW SCHOOL

Superintendent and school board members gave a tour of the new school.

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m.
  2. **Township Updates**
    - **Milton Township** – Feed lot issues continue; otherwise no new updates
    - **Oronoco Township**- Succeed in special district for septic system next year; township will own district; 23 homes joined district
    - **Pine Island Township** – Culvert needs replacement under 210th; 180th is a real issue with all of the semi-truck usage from Zumbrota (road will need maintenance)
    - **New Haven Township** –
  3. **School Updates:** - 1934 Building is coming down; online payment access has begun, fall sports started, finishing touches of new school wrapping up; school starting very soon; September 9th Open House with refreshments and snacks provided by Pine Island Bank
  4. **City Updates**
    - **City of Pine Island** – Transitioning of City staff; Karen Doll retiring and Nate Carlson hired; Jon Eickhoff resigned and new City Administrator David Todd was hired; feasibility studies for roads conducted; referendum for pool taking shape; Cheesefest went really well
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- **Park Board** – Farmers' Market participation has increased; Community Garden is going well with a plot planted by several Kasson teachers; Skateboard ramps finding a place
- **Van Horn Library** – Successful summer reading program with participation increasing by 52%; Wednesday weekly story time participation increased by 33%; shared concern with SELCO to reduce automation fees; decreased fees by \$215 but still have increased by \$850 from 2015
- **Chamber of Commerce** – Pine Island Saturday Nights – very successful; June through August has had great attendance; great bands and food at events; September night will be "Battle of the Car Clubs"
- **EDA** – New EDA Director; researching some residential projects (downtown and elsewhere); New business opening up on September 1st located on 112 Main Street (received \$15,000 from EDA)

### **3. Discussion Items**

- Update: Goodhue County Live Well Program – No discussion
- School district boundaries – Boundaries discussion was received well by Rochester. Future discussions will take place.

### **4. Next meeting: September 16 at 7 pm at EDA Office. Notetaker: Madge Alberts**

*Notes submitted by: Nate Carlson*