

**City of Battle Lake
Economic Development Authority
Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

The Battle Lake Economic Development Authority met in regular session on June 7, 2016. President Randy Dorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with Commissioners Jeff Drake, Janet Schicker, Sara Boyum and Milt Paulson present. Absent were Don Maslow and Leigh Shebeck. Also present was Val Martin, Clerk/Treasurer/EDA Director.

Schicker made a motion to approve the agenda. Drake seconded. MCU

Schicker moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Drake seconded. MCU

Updates for this month:

- The public parking was discussed. The council agreed that education and signage could help the situation and we need to continue to monitor at this point. It seems that most people expect to get a parking spot on Lake Ave. in the 2 blocks of downtown where there are a number of restaurants and shops.
- Martin and Dorn met with owners of "Hatchery Row" along with Chuck Reeve and Dan Malmstrom. The meeting was positive and information was gathered from the owners. They would be interested in selling but some of them would like to relocate to continue their business. Martin has also contacted a building inspector as this would be the first step to move forward.
- There is a Network Battle Lake at Night meeting coming up on July 27th. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- Tri-City Living is doing a joint marketing campaign – TV and social media ads - over the next year.
- It is too early in the year to report school enrollment.
- There will be a \$2 million bond request question for the school on the ballot. It will coincide with the payoff of the current building bond so impact on the taxpayers is expected to be minimal.

The council agenda was reviewed.

Strategic planning lead by Drake was continued.

Schicker brought up the impact of the sidewalk amenity zone has brought. She felt everyone needed clarification on what happened with MnDOT as it their rules, not the City's. We need to move forward after this has happened and she hoped people would continue to recognize what the City has done over the last few years and not focus on something that was out of the City's control.

The EDA requested a copy of the Tri-City Living minutes in their packet. Is there a way the EDA can help and/or work together?

The EDA decided to not have a meeting in August. Next meeting will be held in September.

Valerie J. Martin, EDA Secretary/Treasurer/Director