

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

Chairman Scott Huebner called the City of Port Washington Economic Development Committee meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. in the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall.

1. **Roll Call of Members.** Present were Mayor Scott Huebner. Alderman Al Haacke, Duane Nadolski, John Bauer, and Michelle Norman. Bruce Nalezinski was absent and excused. Also present was Mark Grams, City Administrator and Randy Tetzlaff, Director of Planning and Development. Mayor Huebner also introduced Michelle Norman as the newest member of the committee; he replaces Kevin Tydrick. Steve Schowalter arrived late.

2. **Minutes.** Since the last meeting was held in 2003, the last minutes found were from September. However, it was noted that a meeting was held on November 19th of that year. **A motion was made by Huebner, seconded by Bauer, to approve the minutes as distributed. All voting aye.**

3. **Public Appearances and Comments.** There were none.

4. **Business and Industry Update.** Randy Tetzlaff gave an update on the known status of various businesses and employers in the community. Some like Kleen Test are planning expansions in the near future. Others like Molded Dimensions have new owners. Still others like Simplicity have new management or CEO's. Overall, many businesses are in a holding pattern, waiting to see what happens with the economy. Tetzlaff also gave an update on the status of the vacant industrial buildings.

5. **Economic Development Input from the Comprehensive Planning Effort.** Tetzlaff informed the committee that through the comprehensive planning process, community input indicates that residents want Port Washington to be more of a self-sustaining community rather than a bedroom community. That means that more employers are needed and jobs are provided. The committee agreed with this assessment and discussed possible ways to achieve this. Providing available land is one solution; affordable housing however, may be an impediment.

6. **Business Sites and Future Planning.** Tetzlaff then reviewed and discussed several new areas for business development. The first was the We Energies land. A concept being discussed is for up to 9 lots averaging 2 acres for industrial development. The committee agreed that the lot sizes were correct and that land prices cannot exceed \$40-50,000 per acre. Another area reviewed was the current industrial park where Paul Weise owns most of the undeveloped sites. The City must work to encourage Weise to aggressively market and sell those sites. The last site sold by the City along Maritime Drive remains undeveloped and the City should either put pressure on the owner to develop it, or, it should seek to reclaim it. The final area reviewed was the Knellsville area. A concept plan showing a mix of light industrial, office use, and retail development was discussed. The committee agreed with the concept plan and the members felt that this area holds the most potential for the City in the future.

7. **Regional Efforts by the Milwaukee 7 and OCEDC.** Tetzlaff summarized the efforts of the new Milwaukee 7 group. He indicated that the group is planning to survey the large employers and manufacturers in the region. The OCEDC has also agreed to participate in this effort in Ozaukee County. It was agreed the City should also participate in some way with the employers or manufacturers here in the City.

8. **Forthcoming Events.** None.

9. **Adjournment.** **A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Schowalter to adjourn the meeting at 6 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Tetzlaff
Director of Planning and Development