

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017**

A meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Thomas Hazinski, Nena Maas, Collette English-Dixon, Bob Graham, Lee Neubecker

Absent: Bob O'Connell, Timothy Brangle

Also Present: Village Administrator Eric Palm, Cathy Yen, Jennifer Tammen & Maureen Berry – Ehlers

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MOTION made by Ms. English-Dixon to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Maas. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR QUALIFICATION FOR LAKE AND PARK REDEVELOPMENT – Mr. Hazinski introduced Jennifer Tammen from Ehlers and provided an overview of the previous history with the Lake and Park Redevelopment. The Commission discussed and shared their thoughts on the previous processes with the consultant.

Mr. Palm discussed the proposed process for this project including resident feedback as well as feedback from the development community. The Commission discussed the merits of the RFP vs. RFQ process as it relates to previous processes.

Jennifer Tammen, Ehlers and Associates, who has been retained by the Village for the Lake and Park RFP/RFQ process, introduced herself, her team as well as provided an overview of Ehlers. She walked the Commission through the proposed process and timeline for Lake and Park. She also discussed her thoughts on the differences of looking at qualifications vs. the proposals. The Commission discussed the process and timelines for the project.

5. OTHER BUSINESS – Mr. Palm provided an update on Fresh Thyme and that construction is ahead of schedule. On Lake and Lathrop, the Developer has acquired the Ditchfield property and is working to agree with the final property owner.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Graham made a MOTION to adjourn the Economic Development Commission meeting at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Ms. English-Dixon.

MOTION PASSED by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.