

SWITZERLAND COUNTY RECREATION, TOURISM AND CONVENTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2018

Meeting Information

These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Switzerland County Recreation, Tourism And Convention Commission held Monday, March 19, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the Switzerland County TEC Building, Vevay, IN, 47043. The meeting was chaired by Sheri Works (President) and it was determined that a quorum was present. The following Commission Members were present (in last name alphabetical order): Jeanne Bragg, Anita Danner, Barbara Davidson, Rhonda Griffin, Pam Haines, Andrea Kappes, Stacy Streett, and Don Talbert. Others present include: Lacey Ekberg (Exec Dir), Stephanie Furnish (CPA), John Kniola (guest).

Actions of the Board

A. General Business

1. The meeting was called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A request was made by Sheri Works to approve the Consent Agenda.

Anita Danner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Jeanne Bragg. Motion carries.

B. Presentations: None

C. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee: Sheri Works reported that the executive met to discuss the part time employee paid time off policy for future years. They will continue to meet until a recommendation is ready for the board.

2. Directors Report: See Directors Report on Google Docs as presented by Lacey Ekberg. Discussion included: New carpeting for the stairs, speakers installed on Main Street, SCT retail space painted, coffee shop closed in preparation for transfer to new owner, and two new businesses will open on First Friday.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Approval of the grant and loan applications for small business assistance. At the February 2018 meeting, SCRTCC board approved the creation of a committee to develop the small business grant/loan program. It was decided that the committee would consist of five members, (three from SCRTCC and two from the community representing Vevay Main Street/Streetscape, the Community Foundation, and Economic Development). Lacey Ekberg will contact those organizations to solicit volunteers. Volunteers from SCRTCC include Anita Danner, Barbara Davidson, and Rhonda Griffin.

2. Campground: It was reported that the Town of Vevay would receive FEMA funds as a result of the damage from the most recent flood. Sheri Works stated the need to coordinate our plans for the riverfront and campground with the Town Council as soon as possible. Specifically, we need to address the electrical plans before installation.

E. New Business

1. Dog Park/Dog Stations. Lacey Ekberg said that the items needed to install the two designated dog stations are ready for installation. It was reported that the Street Scape committee insisted that the dog stations needed their approval. There was lengthy discussion regarding the authority of the Town of Vevay, Main Street Committee and Street Scape Committee relative to purchasing and installing outdoor items on the business sections of Main Street and Ferry Street. There was additional discussion regarding the status of the Dog Park. Lacey Ekberg plans on attending the next Town Council meeting and will get more information on both issues.

2. Comfort Stations: Pam Haines addressed the need for comfort stations near Main Street for tourists and specifically for the anticipated bus tours. Several location options were discussed including SCT, Vevay Swiss Inn, IOOF Building, and the existing riverfront restrooms. Issue is currently being developed.

3. Sewage Issues at SCT: The repeating sewage issue from AJ's Diner through the SCT building has surfaced again. The board decided to assign the executive committee to address this issue.

Rhonda Griffin made a motion to authorize the executive committee to solicit necessary contractors to fix the sewage problems, seconded by Don Talbert. Motion carries.

4. Southeast Indiana Spring Classic Beef Show May 18 -19. Lacey Ekberg reported that the organization has a food plan and are not in need of any assistance from SCRTCC.

Don Talbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rhonda Griffin. Motion carries.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the SCRTCC is Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Switzerland County TEC building in Vevay, IN 47043.

Commission Secretary
Barbara Davidson