

SWITZERLAND COUNTY TOURISM  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 20, 2019

Meeting Information

These are the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of Switzerland County Tourism held Monday, May 20, 2019, 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 Members were present (in last name alphabetical order): Anita Danner, Barbara Davidson, Rhonda Griffin, Pam Haines, Andrea Kappes, and Stacy Streett. Don Talbert was absent.

Others present include: Lacey Ekberg (Executive Director, SCT) and Paula Myers (CFO, SCT). Guests include: Cheryl Burress (President, Vevay Main Street), Nicole Renyer (President, Patriot-Posey Park Board), and Amanda Harris (Secretary, Patriot-Posey Park Board).

Actions of the Board

A. General Business

1. The meeting was called to order. A request was made by Sheri Works to approve the Consent Agenda. Rhonda Griffin stated that the minutes from April 15, 2019 need to reflect that the Town of Vevay did not cancel the basement work for the orange team, it was Mickey Ray who canceled.

**Anita Danner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the minutes, seconded by Pam Haines, Motion carries.**

B. Presentations: Patriot-Posey Park Board. Nicole Renyer and Amanda Harris presented the Harris Park Restoration Project Proposal to increase safety and restore the community park. See handout. They are requesting funds (\$5,500.00) for the first year of the three-year project totaling \$24,852.21.

**Anita Danner made a motion to commit \$2,750.00 to the first phase of the Harris Park Restoration Project, seconded by Pam Haines, Motion carries.**

C. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee:

a. Sheri Works reported that the WIFI has been turned on at Ogle Park for the season. The cost for adding additional units is \$9,000.00. We will look into options of selling the other units to reduce this cost.

b. A new water heater has been installed at A.J.'s.

2. Directors Report: See board packet.

D. Unfinished Business:

1. Building Update – See Directors Report. Lacey Ekberg contacted Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning to assist with design for the architectural and feasibility studies for the Phoenix Building. She reported that they are unable to do studies for buildings that include housing. She will research the costs and organizations associated with doing a feasibility study.

2. Jack Sullivan Senior Citizens Center. The building was offered to the Town of Vevay.

E. New Business:

1. Lacey Ekberg requested additional staffing for 30 days surrounding the Wine Fest. She will seek to hire two people at \$9.50 per hour.

2. Lacey Ekberg reported that Hannah Shelton of Rivertown Photo Booths has asked to take over the organization and operation of the annual Wedding Show in Switzerland County. The board agreed that the intent of starting new events was to generate local business interest in operating events.

3. Resignation and Replacement of Stephen Bennett: County Commissioners placed an ad in the newspaper. The board position requires an innkeeper or a republican to maintain board balance.

F. Public Comments:

1. Cheryl Burress, new President of Vevay Main Street, reported that the organization intends to focus their original charter consisting of organization, promotion, economic development, and design. They intend to draw in local businesses by having their meetings at a different business location each month.

***Rhonda Griffin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrea Kappes. Motion carries.***

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the SCT is Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Switzerland County TEC Building, Vevay, IN 47043.

SCT Secretary  
Barbara Davidson