

Approved: 3-19-12

**MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

**MINUTES OF THE BOYNE CITY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
AUTHORITY MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gillette called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pat Anzell, Michael Cain, Richard Copeland, Michelle Cortright, Pete Friedrich, Ralph Gillett and Josette Lory

Absent: None

**MEETING
ATTENDANCE**

Staff: Planning/Zoning Administrator Scott McPherson, Assistant
Planning/Zoning Administrator Shannon McMaster, Main Street
Director Hugh Conklin and Recording Secretary Karen Seeley

Public: Eight

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
MOTION**

Friedrich moved, Cortright seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the February 9, 2012 minutes as presented.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

First Robotics Competition Team \$500 presentation: Five members of Team Blaze along with their mentor Gordon Rushlow gave the board a brief synopsis of the robotic competition. They had six weeks from January until March to design & build a robot to complete in a themed challenge. This year's challenge is picking up small sized basketballs and shooting them at basketball goals. The team has two upcoming competitions where three robots will compete against each other. The robotics club will give students experience that they can put on their resume for college.

**NEW BUSINESS
Kirtland Products**

City Manager Cain opened the discussion stating that even after the improvements Kirtland Products has made to date they are still not in compliance with the conditional use permit they received. The community is complaining about the sound, site, plume, smell and dust. Financially, they feel they have done all they can do to this point. If Kirtland closes, Arte' will close also, they are tied financially. Board discussion to bring in someone with the knowledge to help with these problems. We have an opportunity to provide the financing for some one to do that. There is always going to be a plume, if the stack was higher, wouldn't it dissipate better? The current height is under FAA regulation, as it is so close to the airport. There is a frequency problem, not just a decibel problem. Would a consultant be the one to tell us if they could get them where they should be at 24 decibels at the property line?

Scott McPherson, Planning/Zoning Administrator stated that there is no specific number they have to meet. Kirtland indicated that noise would not be an issue and it is. Board questioned if there are any resources out there to deal with this situation. Someone out there should have the information, someone with the background with a similar fix, or have a reasonable solution to shoot for. Our goal is to retain/recruit businesses. Maybe we should have a tighter requirement regarding noise, site and outside processing. They over promised and have not delivered. We need to figure out what is best for the entire community. We could go out for RFP (request for proposals) for what we want. The zoning is industrial, and it is technically outside the Industrial Park. It is in the district, but not under the covenant of the Industrial Park.

Staff Comments: Hugh Conklin, Main Street Manager: We need to look for every opportunity to help this business; they have invested six million dollars. We should take every opportunity to make this business succeed. We need to stand behind them and if they fail, they need to know we did everything we could to help them succeed.

Citizen Comments: Tom Erhart, NLEA: This is a start up business, all start up businesses have financial problems. They have taken all the steps to rectify the problems and are very receptive to solutions.

Board discussion: Will this be a cost sharing venture or are we just giving support and will they be willing to except the ruling and suggestions.

Moved by Lory seconded by Cortright PASSED UNANIMOUSLY that the LDFA approve expenditure to request RFP's (request for proposals) toward acquiring guidelines/parameters associated to items listed on Kirtland Products conditional use permit approval of 2008, including, but not limited to: Noise, vapor, odor, visual, plume including particulates, industrial nuisance and items affecting mixed use properties.

This will also give us the criteria for the next business interested in the park. The issue is more than just the sound, frequency and decibel levels; the smoke stack will be a DEQ issue. If it meets DEQ omission standards there is nothing we can do. Can we take care of enough of the issues to get this community to settle down? How do we determine ordinance standard on odor? We need an expert with experience with plants of this type, there must be standards out there, and where does Kirtland fall in those standards? What is acceptable? We need someone to analyze where the particulates are coming from.

It would be a good idea form a citizens committee to deal with the issues.

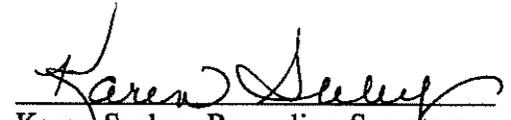
GOOD OF THE ORDER Tempral Products has a new owner
Precision Edge looks very sharp inside, the first couple pieces of equipment have been moved in.

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Local Development Finance Authority is scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 at Boyne City, City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 13, 2012 Local Development Finance Authority meeting was adjourned at 1:23p.m.


Pete Friedrich, LDFA Secretary


Karen Seeley, Recording Secretary