

Village of Fall Creek

Minutes of Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting

March 8, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** 1:00 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Chairman Dane Zook, Trustees Karen Strasburg. Members Absent: Matt Mattoon. Also Present: Joshua Clemens and Matt Michels.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted in the three public places and newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Zook/Strasburg) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Joshua Clemens & Matt Michels of Chippewa Valley Housing Task Force, Discuss Recommendations of the Recent Housing Forums and Their Impact on the Village:** A presentation regarding housing and the economies of the market included the following items:
 - The Chippewa Valley Housing Task Force was assembled to collect information and insight to better understand the regional housing market and to investigate potential solutions to the housing supply and affordability challenges.
 - Their goal statement is as follows: *“Fair and equitable access to safe, quality, healthy, stable housing for all individuals and families is critical for success... and disparities resulting from differences in race, ethnicity income and location must be addressed.”*
 - The ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report was reviewed – a report listing the percentage of households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county.
 - Consensus statements of the task force were reviewed, basically:
 - listing the main drivers of rising housing costs and the insufficient housing supply,
 - recognizing the current housing situation hinders recruitment of employees and is an impediment to economic development,
 - stating that local development regulations may be a barrier to improving housing supply and affordability,
 - recognizing partnerships with government and private firms will be needed to address the challenges.
 - Recommendations for local units of government include:
 - Consider revision of zoning requirements to allow greater density in appropriate areas, create zoning and future land use maps that enable increased infill, and relax required automobile parking areas.
 - Consider municipal policies to encourage revitalization of current developments and creation of new developments with a variety of uses and housing types, take advantage of State funding resources for affordable housing, and require projects that receive financial assistance to meet criteria including affordable units.
 - Consider creation of public funding options such as a revolving loan program for basic home repair and improvements.
 - Consider creation of public-private partnerships to achieve long-term community success.
6. **Adjourn:**
 - MOTION (Zook/Strasburg) @ 2:35 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Dane Zook, Recording Secretary