

Minutes of the Old Laperle Farm Property Committee, 4/18/2017 (Approved 5/16/2017)

Present – Seth Gardner, Ginny Callan, Zach Sullivan, Andy Shapiro

Public Present – Ross Hazel, Renee Carpenter

- A. 7:05 pm meeting called to order
- B. No additions to the agenda
- C. No public comment
- D. Minutes of the March 28, 2017 meeting approved. Motion, Callan, Second, Shapiro
- E. Discussion of the VHCB planning assistance grant.

The group discussed the letter from Crane Associates outlining the work that they could do for the committee to assist in planning for use of the site. The letter was used to develop budget items for the VHCB planning grant. Because several of the items in the letter mapped well to planning elements covered by the grant and included in the draft application, the group decided not to modify the work requested in the grant application other than to add the budget.

The group decided to allocate the budget as follows:

- Pre-feasibility concept plan (aligned to site design/land use planning) - \$3,000
- Management Model (Financial Planning) - \$2,000
- Market Study - \$5,000.

The group decided not to pursue steps 3 and 4 outlined in the Crane Associates letter (Developer Search and Developer Agreement) at this time.

Renee Carpenter reported out on discussions she had had with federal legislative staff. She noted that there may be federal Community Development Block Grant money available that could help with this project, but that this should be done very soon because the future of this money is uncertain in the next federal budget.

Development of Next Steps

The group decided on the following next steps:

- Renee to look at additional grant application
- Zach to update VHCB grant application with budget
- Seth to contact Steve Connor to try to get a developer's take on this kind of project
- The group needs to update the planning commission on the committee's thinking and determine that zoning will work for this. Seth and Ginny to try to go to a future meeting.

F. No other business

The next meeting was scheduled for May 16th.

G. Meeting adjourned, 8:20 pm – Motion: Callan, Second: Shapiro