

MINUTES
BETHEL PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 26, 2017

Meeting was opened by Patrick Wilson.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Membership Report: currently 33 paid members
Dues notices will be going out around the 1st of December for the 2018 year.

Treasurer's Report: Approx. \$8,000 current balance

Discussion of Storm Sewer Report with Greg Jones and results of the September meeting. "Solutions are easier and cheaper than was feared". The ability to bring grants was made clearer. Probably looking at \$2.6 million that would be made up with money from grants, municipality and fees to property owners. We may have to have some fund raisers. Could possibly get up to \$200,000 in grants. A special assessment district, where the municipality floats a bond and the Industrial Park property owners are taxed over maybe 20 years, was also discussed. Tax to property owners might be around \$200/year depending on other funds acquired. In this case, there would need to be a 70% agreement from the property owners. Each property would get one vote. Many municipalities across the state are vying for funds to do projects just like ours. Right now, all of this is still just in the fact-finding stages.

It was also suggested that we may want to hold some open houses of various businesses throughout the park sometime next summer. The reason for these would be to let the community see what an asset the park is and what is made/done in the park. We would also include events for kids.

Greg Jones suggested we have Tim Hines come to our next meeting to discuss marketing our Industrial Park. He can talk about how to utilize the resources we already have, such as, the businesses here, the community itself, building brand identity and signage. It was agreed that Greg Jones would see if Tim could attend our January meeting.

Overlay progress: still asking for input regarding lighting, signage, parking, etc. They need to know individual issues from each company in the Park as to their needs and frustrations. They will be taking a look at the residential properties on the border of the Industrial Park to make sure any changes will not affect them.

Shade Tree Commission: needs one more member – they currently have 4. Residency requirements have changed. You need to own property or a business in Bethel Park.

Website: agreed to pay Sue's granddaughter \$18/hour (not to exceed \$200.00) to get our website back on track

Chamber of Commerce, with help from a BP student, is setting up a job database. Student has sent out surveys to businesses that expressed interest.

Next meeting November 16, 2017. Lawyers from Steptoe-Johnson will be speaking about new marijuana laws and new overtime laws.

**Lunch today was from Jim & Lou Lou's and received lots of praise from our members. Thanks to Andy at CTS & More for making the arrangements.

