

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

June 21, 2018 Meeting

The Economic Development Board met on April 19, 2018. The following board members were in attendance: John Hanstad, Randy Heagle, and David Pelletier well as Patricia Love and Ryan Larsen from the City of Stanwood. Also Dianne White and Kathy Boyd were present.

1. Introduction of Patricia Love

Staff introduced Patricia Love as the new Community Development Director and she gave a brief background on herself.

2. Special Events

The issue before the Economic Development Board was to review the revised grant application process for special events. Staff suggested several changes to the existing program. The proposed changes are:

- Allow for existing events to apply for grant funding.
- Limit funding to new event to \$3,000 the first year and \$1,500 the second year. Also, the funding has to be in sequential years for new events.
- Existing events will be allowed to apply for a grant up to \$500.00 dollars per year,
- Grant applications will be allowed to be submitted twice a year, once by the last Friday in October and the second by the last Friday in March.

The Board supports the changes however recommend increase the level from \$500 to \$750 for existing events and reducing the top amount for new events from \$3,000 to \$2,500. They feel the existing events are the backbone and new events would just add to that.

3. City Code Update

Staff gave a brief overview of several of the codes that are currently being updated. This includes Final Plat, wireless communications facility, and odor in the industrial zone.

4. 2019/2020 City Budget – Funding for Consultant

The Board has previously heard presentations from two consultants regarding economic development. The Board feels it is important to have funding in the next budget cycle to have a consultant review our codes, website, and actionable steps that will be carried out over the next 6 years (6 year economic