

BID Board Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024

In Attendance: Marty, Erik, Kenny, Akari, Tammy H., Shelly, Zach, Gail, Glen, Brian, Shannon, Tammy S., Stephaine

Absent: Sara, Pat, Rachael, Carrie

Before the meeting was called to order there was a lengthy discussion about food trucks and transient businesses and the BID's proposed statement on regulating them. Shannon has been approached by many BID members about the effects of food trucks and other possible mobile vendors on their businesses. They would like to be protected in the future as these things are becoming more prominent in our communities. Following Buffalo's and Rochester's stance on these things, it is proposed that no transient business may set up within 100 feet of the entrance to a similar business. Shannon will submit the letter to City Council after finalizing details.

Call to Order: 8:42 AM

Zack called the meeting to order.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 2024:

Zack motioned to approve minutes, Glen seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Glen said he reviewed the financials with Shannon last week and all the numbers looked good. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

BID Director:

Shannon reported that the BID Boxcar Derby had another successful year. The Derby participants all had a great time, cheered one another on, and enjoyed the race and the atmosphere that was created. She included BID businesses as vendors – Matty's Pizza, Coffee Press and Lizzie's Ice Cream.

Despite the success of the annual event, Shannon is looking for another organization to host and organize the event next year. It requires a ton of work for her and she gets limited volunteers. Some suggested partners were Kiwanis (Glen said he may have a contact there), Zonta & Batavia Business Women's Professional Group (Tammy S. said she would contact them) and Zack recommended that the Batavia Foundation take it over. He'll bring up at the next meeting.

Board Updates:

Zack didn't have any business to bring up. He did mention that he is working on the Shark Tank idea discussed last week and that Tammy passed a lot of good information off to him. He will provide further updates next month.

Committee Report:

Shannon mentioned the Wine Walk was coming up. All was well with the planning and she is just applying for last permits. Shannon will be off from 9/9 until 9/26 and will have everything in place so there should be no emergencies. There will be no September meeting.

Chamber Update:

Brian said the next After Hours will be held 9/19 at Casper Farms. The October one will be a speed networking & After Hours event at Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union on 10/10. Nominations for annual awards due at that event. The annual meeting will be at Terry Hills on 11/21.

City Update:

Erik reported that there are a few things to be aware of – street milling and paving will be going on in the next few weeks; sidewalk projects will begin once paving is complete; the new police construction is progressing smoothly, unlike the mall entrances (no update on that); the City passed the budget and had an audit review that went on without issue; and lastly the city received a grant for an ice chiller which will probably be installed next year to fix ongoing problems.

BDC Update:

Tammy reported that not much has changed since last month's meeting. Claudia Tenney came to town last week and received a tour of new construction, including the YMCA. She praised our downtown and we all agreed that it is good to have someone in her position take an interest in our small city.

Last Comments:

Thank you everyone for coming the meeting was adjourned.