

**HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010  
CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY**

The meeting of the Industrial Development Commission was called to order at 12:00 Noon by Darell Bellm.

Members present: Darell Bellm, Marilyn Frey, and Jon Greve.

Also present: City Manager Latham, Building & Zoning Supervisor Kevin Limestall, Deputy Clerk Hediger and Councilman Bill Rickher as a member of the public.

Marilyn Frey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010, meeting of the Industrial Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Jon Greve. All voted in favor, none against, the motion carried.

Potential properties discussion

City Manager Latham reported that he and Mayor Michaelis met with Don Weder regarding his property. Don Weder is interested in selling the "cookie factory".

The cookie factory would be suitable for industrial park and industrial area. Marilyn Frey asked what condition it was in. It was noted that as long as the foundation is good, there would be certain options available in renovating it. Darell Bellm asked if the property extended all the way to the railroad. Mark indicated that it did not, but the property that Don Weder owns just to the west of it does. It is being used for storage right now. Marilyn Frey asked when it was last used for manufacturing. City Manager Latham indicated that he did not know.

Chairman Bellm suggested having a facility available to help entrepreneurs get a start, with an agreement that if they stay in business for "x"-length of time, they would then be tied to the community. St. Louis has a similar program. Marilyn Frey expressed an interest in learning more about such a program. She observed that Basler has been here since 1942...the businesses that have stayed in Highland are the ones that were started here.

There was some discussion about the size of certain parcels and the situation of those properties with regard to the railroad, peripheral route, residential properties, utilities, etc.

After a brief review of Supervisor Limestall's spreadsheet of property information, it was decided that "Environmental Contamination" should be added as a category to the list.

Some time was spent identifying each of the parcels on the parcel map and on the Future Land Use map.

Mark asked if the members would work with the matrix and come back next time to discuss.

There was some discussion about the economy and that it has to pick up given its current state.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

Marilyn Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jon Greve; all were in favor.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lana R. Hediger, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darell Bellm, Chairman