

Saranac Lake Local Development Corporation
Monthly Meeting
May 17, 2023, 5:00PM
The Carry
Minutes

Present: Matt Scollin, Stephanie Mikesell, Andrew Milne, Patrick Murphy, virtually: Jeremy Evans

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 5:10 PM

1. Approval of minutes
 - a. Scollin motioned to approve, Mikesell seconded. All in favor of approval of meeting minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Operating Account (see agenda)
 - b. Grants Account
 - c. Scollin asked if at some point the COVID grant funds become unclaimed. Murphy has touched base with the groups who donated the funds several times but didn't hear back. The group decided we will do research into how long we hold the money before it rolls into the Operating Account.
3. Old business
 - a. Contract with the Village for the LEAF grant
 - i. The SLLDC has decided not to move forward on acting as the administrative sponsor for the LEAF grant
 - ii. The Village has moved forward with handling the grants.
4. New Business
 - a. Mikesell asked the group that in light of not moving forward as the administrative and fiscal sponsor for the LEAF grants, what would the group like to work on?
 - i. Scollin suggested the Baldwin Park courts, working on funding and updating them using grants other than LEAF.
 - ii. Discussed new courts, fencing, and grading.
 - iii. Discussed finding a new location for the courts, since the Baldwin Park plan for revitalizing the waterfront would not allow the courts to remain there
 1. Potential locations discussed were the Rail Trail connector, Sand Pit, and old dump site
 - iv. Evans suggested the group request the remaining 6er Program funds from the Village, in order to work with DEC on trail stewardship and maintenance.

1. Murphy noted that the Village passed a resolution to transfer the funds to the SLLDC when the Village decided to sunset the 6er program.
 2. Scollin noted trail support would be a visible project, fairly inexpensive, and would assist other communities who are supported by trail usage.
 - v. Mikesell expressed interest in finding out what options the SLLDC might have for assisting with development of the former Post Office Pharmacy, the Dew Drop Inn, and the semi-vacant building at 16 Broadway.
 - vi. Murphy suggested the SLLDC work with Jaime to see what support we can provide to the Arts and Culture Board
 - vii. Milne requested we look into where other LDCs obtain initial capital for development projects.
 1. Evans noted that capital frequently comes from the state.
 2. The group discussed checking with Jaime to see what she has in mind for CDBG and UDAG funding.
 - viii. The group discussed the Franklin County Land Bank, and reaching out to see if they are looking for partners.
 1. Evans stated he would find the public notice from the Land Bank to assist the group with gathering information about moving forward supporting them.
 - b. Audit Update
 - i. Evans made a motion to sign an agreement with BTS to complete the LDC's backlogged audits, conditional upon the Village assisting with paying for the audit if the cost exceeds the LDC's operational budget. Scollin seconded, all in favor.
 - c. Future Meeting Times
 - i. Milne requested changing the week of the meeting, as it conflicts with other family commitments.
 - ii. The group agreed to move the meeting to the 2nd Wednesdays of the month.
5. Adjournment
- a. Milne moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:57, Scollin seconds. Meeting adjourned.