

**Village of Gurnee
Economic Development Committee Minutes
January 15, 2015**

The meeting was held in Conference Room A, Gurnee Village Hall, 325 N. O'Plaine Road and called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Chairman Rob Elbrecht, Dick Welton, Karen Thorstenson, James Sula, Roneida Martin, Tim Garrity

Members Absent: Terry Waddell-Moenter, Tom Henderson, Michael Deney

Other Officials Present: Patrick Muetz, Village Administrator; David Ziegler, Community Development Director; Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director

1. Approval of Minutes

a. August 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes - Mr. Welton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Thorstenson, to approve the August 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

b. September 16, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes - Mr. Sula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garrity, to approve the September 16, 2014 special meeting minutes.

All voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

2. Informational Item: Development Updates

Mr. David Ziegler updated the committee on several pending developments that are in the site selection, planning review, and/or permitting stage.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

Ellen Dean, Economic Development Director effective January 5, 2015, thanked the Committee for the time spent meeting with her to share their perspectives regarding the top economic development priorities for Gurnee. She indicated that retention visits with major employers and retailers will be underway soon with the first batch of approximately 100 letters from Mayor Kovarik being mailed next week; Committee members were invited to participate in retention visits as their schedules allow.

5. Chairman Comments: Chairman Elbrecht extended an offer of support and assistance on behalf of the Committee as the economic development program is officially launched after many months of preparation by the EDC, Village Board, consultants, and staff. He indicated that his firm, Tri-State Realty, subscribes to the major third-party property listings including CoStar and Loopnet, and offered to provide these listings free to the Village, for use in the economic development efforts.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Garrity made a motion, Ms. Martin seconded to adjourn.

All voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ellen Dean
Economic Development Director