

be able to use the park that perhaps they would be willing to allow parking in their back lot and then it's a short walk across the trail. It was asked what the City's annual costs would be for this project, Skaret stated that they don't have specific numbers yet, but it costs about \$200 per year for the porta-potties at all of the parks, the expense to mow it and then the fencing (which they have some fencing already from the softball complex). There is a concern for the activity and traffic for the local housing.

Mayor moved to give the Park Board permission to do further research for this potential project; seconded by Bargfrede. Motion passed.

- b. Trails Committee - Skaret shared that there was a Friends of the Trail committee meeting this morning and they are looking to have a gentlemen out of Windom to do a drone video to promote our trail system. They have limited funds and have asked for the EDA to pay the \$500 for the drone video. They are looking at doing a very short, two to three minute video, but then make sure to have locations to market it to make it worth the money spent. The goal is to highlight the hills and waterways and be able to be able to help people find the trailheads.

Mayor moved to give half, \$250, for the drone video to the Friends of the Trail committee; seconded by Bargfrede. Motion passed.

5. Reports

- a. EDC Report - Provided but not verbally reviewed due to time constraints
- b. Finance Report - Provided but not verbally reviewed due to time constraints
- c. SCDP Report - Provided but not verbally reviewed due to time constraints

6. EDA Owned Properties

- a. West Ridge - Mark Temple offer: \$2,500 - Mark Temple has requested to purchase a lot in West Ridge, he was out of town this week and was not able to attend the meeting to share about his project and request. Nelson shared that his intent is to combine this lot with his current lot on the backside at 840 Hwy 71 S in order to make the lot large enough to put a dwelling on, yet this fall. Nelson recommended that we add a development timeline on the West Ridge lots so that the new owner has one year after closing to begin building on the purchased lot. Temple just this spring purchased his current lot and has leveled the older existing buildings. Temple has not shared his specs or building plans yet so we do not know exactly what he is looking at but has told Nelson that his access would be off of West Ridge. There are currently four lots for sale up there. He has shared with Nelson that due to the length of time since any new development has occurred up there plus the odd shape of the lot is his reasoning for the reduced purchase price. He has shared that it is his intent to build and sell. It was decided to ask him to come into the next meeting to share more information of his intentions in order for the group to make an informed decision. It was agreed that Temple has done a lot of great work in the community of improving blighted properties and it is appreciated. It was brought up to potentially reduce the lot prices on the remaining lots with the requirement that a dwelling be built on them within the year.

7. Other Business

- a. SCDP Income Program Application - Extreme Beat Dance Studio - this is the 802 Fund that has been used for roof fix-up. This fund currently has \$19,185.82. There is a copy of the guidelines in the packet for today, this has been used as a $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{3}$. With $\frac{1}{3}$ being in a 0% loan forgiven after 7 years, $\frac{1}{3}$ as a 2% loan with a minimum of \$1,000 principal reduction per year and $\frac{1}{3}$ being owner provided. The estimated cost of the roof is \$17,938, they will pay \$6,000, with the forgivable and regular loan amounts each at \$5,969 with a five year term of \$104.62 per month and \$852.71 forgivable each year for the seven years. We would have enough money left for one more project and have a

couple requests to follow up with: John Olson on his building next to the old dance studio and the Dental office for the roof of the former Back 40 building that they purchased.

Mayor moved to approve the SCDP Income Program application; seconded by Vee. Motion passed.

- b. Retiree Housing Survey - newspaper/Facebook - We have conducted an email and mail survey for the potential retiree housing project and have gotten some responses back. We would like to do a newspaper survey and having it on Facebook and putting some dollars behind it, the purpose is to solicit more interest. Our goal had been to start the project this year but with COVID we were not able to have the meetings for APX to present to those interested. The goal yet for this year is to identify one to three interested to try to still get one house built this year so that we have examples for next spring. We would not state APX in the survey, just that the Economic Development office is partnering with a contractor to provide a group housing project targeted to retirees looking to downsize, answer these six questions and provide your contact information if you want to learn more.

Vee moved to approve to spend up to \$300 to do a newspaper and Facebook ad; seconded by Bargfrede. Motion passed.

8. New Business

- a.

9. Adjourn

Chair Sieler adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm