

Village of Laurium
Laurium Planning Commission
Monday, October 11, 2021

Present: Kalen Carlson, Jaikob Djerf, Christopher Germain, Kim Robbins, John Sullivan, Beverly Terrill, Jen Tucker, and Edward Vertin.

The Laurium Planning Commission meeting was called to order in the village council chambers and the GoToMeeting website at 6:35PM.

Jen Tucker and Christopher Germain from the MEDC were present via the website to give information regarding the Redevelopment Ready Community program. This is a technical assistance program to aid municipalities at no cost to the village.

Mr. Germain reviewed the Best Practices of the RRC program. Public engagement, Zoning, Development review, Economic Development and Marketing and identification of priorities were discussed. There are two paths that can be followed - either RRC Essentials (which is recommended for the village) or RRC Certified.

In 2019, the village passed a resolution to participate in the RRC. A Baseline report will be coming from Mr. Germain on what the village has and what is still needed. This will be a starting point for the work ahead. Another resolution will need to be passed by the village council to essentially renew the village's participation in the MEDC program.

There are technical assistance matching grants available once the baseline report has been issued and the village can show some progress that it is moving forward in the process. These grants will be up to \$20,000, 25% village match.

There are resources available on the miPlace website library and training for committee members.

An overview was given on how to utilize Trello, the third-party project management software that commission members and the RRC staff will use to assign tasks and track progress.

Before the next meeting, Carlson would like to have all participate in the online training that is available on the website, and she will work on an application and orientation process for potential commission members.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Golus, Clerk

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