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Opportunity Grosse Ile

MINUTES

A meeting of Opportunity Grosse Ile was called to order at 7:17 pm Monday, August 31, 2009 by Andrew Johnson, Acting Chairperson.

Attending Dena Dardzinski, April deCardenas, Pam Frucci, John Gatti, Greg Goyert, Susie Harrison, Ron Janowski, Greg Kish, Ann Loftus, Warren McLeod, Shirley Mohny, Dan Murphy, Craig Pilkington, Armando Sardanopoli, Irene Will, Andrew Johnson, Tom Burkhart, Ron Baker

ACTIONS TAKEN

Minutes of August 31, 2009 meeting

Reviewed, discussed and approved minutes from August 3, 2009 meeting

Ron Baker reviewed updates to website since last meeting

Sub-committee activities

ISLAND ACTIVITIES Sub-committee, Susie Harrison, Ann Loftus and Shirley Mohny reported the Sub-committee continues to identify Island businesses and organizations.

GOVERNANCE/COMPLIANCE/AUDIT Sub-committee member John Gatti presented the current draft of Bylaws, the proposed Conflict of Interest Policy and the draft application to Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for member review.

John Gatti will provide Tom Burkhart an electronic copy of these three documents for distribution to members. Members will be asked to return comments two weeks later.

Action Item

FUNDING sub-committee staffing - John Gatti and Ron Baker volunteered to be members. Pam Frucci, Greg Goyert, Susie Harrison, Ann Loftus and Ron Baker volunteered to identify and recruit members to staff the Funding sub-committee for next meeting.

Old Business

Discussions regarding the township website

New Business

Discussion and decision to publicize Opportunity – Grosse Ile at community events

Discussion of possible future activities:

1 – Invade Canada

2 – War of 1812 bicentennial

3 – Review Township Recreation Department 5 year master plan for participation

4 – Kalamazoo college grant as example of out-of-the box thinking

5 – Welcome Center

6 – Youth Activities such as skate park

Discussion of Grosse Ile student enrollment for current school year and perspective for future state funding cuts

Township Supervisor to begin sending Welcome Letters to new residents

Next Meeting Agenda

1. Review and approve minutes from August 31, 2009 meeting

2. Ron Baker to review website update

3. Sub-committee activities

ISLAND ACTIVITIES Sub-committee report of activities and success

GOVERNANCE/COMPLIANCE/AUDIT Sub-committee present the reworded Bylaws for discussion and approval

FUNDING sub-committee recruiting team to present the Funding sub-committee members

4. ACTION ITEM

Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Next Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2009, 7 pm, Administrative Building, Grosse Ile Township Schools

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Tom Burkhart
Acting Secretary