

**HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010  
CITY HALL, 1115 BROADWAY**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Industrial Development Commission was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Darell Bellm.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Darell Bellm, Marilyn Frey, and Jon Greve.

Also present: City Manager Latham, Deputy Clerk Hediger and Chief Building and Zoning Official Kevin Limestall.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jon Greve made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2010, meeting of the Industrial Development Commission. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Frey. All voted in favor, none against, the motion carried.

**New Business**

**Potential properties discussion**

Darell Bellm asked if anyone had a chance to look at the cookie factory facility to assess its potential. The members expressed interest in touring the facility if possible. City Manager Latham indicated that he would contact Wanda Weder.

Darell Bellm asked if any of the properties are actually for sale. Mark indicated that Duane Steiner indicated that he would be interested in selling his property located south of Highland Road.

Mark indicated that when he first came to Highland he contacted Sievers about their property. They are interested in selling but the property is tied up in a trust dispute.

Mark suggested that Denny Rinderer could make contact with local property owners on the City's behalf as he is currently negotiating R-O-W acquisitions with owners of property situated along the City's proposed peripheral route.

Jon Greve stated that he had an opportunity to fly over Highland and using the parcel map identified the Ottensmeier property as the one that seemed the most suitable to him as far as the

lay of the land goes. Darell Bellm asked if there were any city services to the Ottensmeier property. The matrix indicates that there are none.

After more discussion, it was decided that the Ottensmeier property together with the 88 acre Siever Farms property would be the most desirable for an industrial park based on proximity to the railroad and the proposed peripheral route.

The next most desirable for an industrial park would be the Weder/Leder/Kuhl combination of properties and then the Yann/Schmidt combination of properties.

Mark asked if the commission members are still interested in discussing the establishment of a Genesis program. The members indicated that they are interested, noting that both St. Louis and SIUE have incubator programs from which ideas could be drawn.

Mark talked briefly about the stormwater retention project that is in the works. He indicated that some of these facilities could be in place within the next two years.

Mark reiterated that he would contact Wanda Weder to determine if there is any interest by the Weders in selling the cookie factory property and if so, to set up a tour of that facility. He will also contact Denny Rinderer about approaching Sievers to determine confidentially their willingness and position to sell their property.

**Next Meeting**

A motion was made to move the next meeting which was scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, to Tuesday, May 11, 2010. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Marilyn Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jon Greve; all were in favor. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lana R. Hediger, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darell Bellm, Chairman