

**CITY OF LINO LAKES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE:	February 6, 2025
TIME STARTED:	8:00 a.m.
TIME ENDED:	9:26 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Blakely LaCroix, Patrick Kohler, Randy Rennaker, Sam Bennett, Andrew Cravero
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Suzy Guthmueller, Chris Spenner, Nathan Vojtech, Chad Wagner
STAFF PRESENT:	Michael Grochala, Julie Whitney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Grochala called the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on February 6, 2025.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Nathan Vojtech was nominated as Chair and Patrick Kohler was nominated as Vice Chair. Mr. Cravero made a motion to accept the nominations. The motion was supported by Mr. LaCroix. Motion carried 5 – 0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cravero made a motion to approve the January 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Kohler. Motion carried 5 - 0.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Town Center Commercial Development

Mr. Grochala presented an overview of land availability within the “Town Center” area, noting that over 60 acres remained for future development. 9 acres are owned by the City.

The EDAC discussed the site location, walkability, and amenities to draw people into the area. Event planning opportunities and impediments were discussed. Mr. Grochala noted that the “Community Green” located in the center of the development has been

underutilized. This area includes a fountain, along with a pergola/stage area, and was set up to host music events and farmers markets. The prevailing opinion was that events in and of themselves would not generate commercial market demand.

Mr. Grochala stated that he would be setting up a panel of commercial real estate brokers for the March 6, 2025. This will give the EDAC opportunities to ask questions and gain insight into the commercial market and demand.

B. Project Updates

Mr. Grochala updated the committee on current City projects.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cravero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Motion was supported by Mr. LaCroix. Motion was carried 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Whitney, Community Development Administrative Assistant