

IEDA Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Present:

IEDA Chair Cara Spivey

IEDA Vice Chair Glen Keen

IEDA Member Alicia Bales

IEDA Member Justin Takach

IEDA Member Tammy Smith

IEDA Member Lucie D'Amato

IEDA Member Susan Whittaker

Absent:

Staff members present were Attorney Pyott.

CALL TO ORDER

IEDA Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 4:30pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

MINUTES

IEDA Vice Chair Keen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2025 meeting. IEDA Member Whittaker seconded the motion. On vote, IEDA Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Vice Chair Keen, aye; IEDA Member Bales, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye; IEDA Member Smith, aye; IEDA Member D'Amato, aye, IEDA Member Whittaker, aye.

EBAG

PRESENTATION: CHRIS KISER-STINGERZ

Chris Kiser with Stingerz Indoor Golf gave a presentation about his new business going in on Main Street. During his presentation, he discussed that there will be simulators for players to play year-round golf. He feels that this will increase the foot traffic to our community. There are no facilities of this kind close by. These simulators have several different courses and other golf related games. There will be a restaurant in this facility as Bee Noodled is relocating to this location as well. He discussed how many potential clients this new business will have. He will start off slow and smart with only one simulator and merchandise. He speaks about the revenue income and tax revenue for the town.

IEDA Chair Spivey asked about the ABC License, if it will carry over from Bee Noodled or will he have to have his own? She then went over the EBAG application and stated it is for business

license, furniture and equipment and suggested a few changes regarding the number of full time and part time employees. She suggested amending the application to include one full time employee, also we will need a copy of the lease agreement.

IEDA Vice Chair Keen made a motion to allow BPOL, furniture and equipment and one full time employee at a wage equivalent of at least \$12.41 per hour. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Takach. On vote, IEDA Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Vice Chair Keen, aye; IEDA Member Bales, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye; IEDA Member Smith, aye; IEDA Member D'Amato, aye, IEDA Member Whittaker, aye.

WAYFARER

Attorney Pyott discussed a EBAG incentive and VEZ incentives and stated that a business cannot apply for two of the same grants. He then stated that The Wayfarer will need to amend his application down from 15 to 20 employees to a smaller amount.

ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

MARINUS FAMILY REQUEST

Attorney Pyott reached out to Attorney Alan McGraw regarding the deed. The Marinus' are not satisfied with the deed. They want the wall, on the back of the property, rather than just expanding out up top. The wall brings some problems because the wall is not just shared between us and the Marinus', it also incorporates the Thomas' building that is the currently Bee Noodled, which has had issues with drainage.

The Marinus' wants the wall that is connected to the building that the Thomas' owns. Attorney Pyott made a deed for the Marinus' and the Thomas'. It would make more sense for the Thomas' to own the wall because it is attached to their building.

IEDA Member Bales asked if the Thomas' have asked for the wall and it was answered yes, they have. Motion was made by IEDA Member Takach to give the wall to the Thomas'. The Marinus' will receive the property from their building to the location where Wanda Partyka is putting the flowers. The drainage will be the responsibility of both the Marinus' and Thomas'. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member D'Amato. On vote, IEDA Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Vice Chair Keen, aye; IEDA Member Bales, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye; IEDA Member Smith, aye; IEDA Member D'Amato, aye, IEDA Member Whittaker, aye.

RAMEY LOT AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE PROPERTY

IEDA Chair Spivey has signed the deed, the deed has been recorded and the Batcave is now owned by the IEDA.

Attorney Pyott stated he still needs to clear up the small portion of the Ramey lot that was discussed.

IEDA Chair Spivey stated that the meeting held on Riverside Drive allowed them to see the Batcave and it is a very large property. There have been discussions on finding a business to go into that space. It was suggested outside this meeting that we have a place where someone could rent a mountain bike and it could possibly be located at this property.

IEDA Member D'Amato stated that the door is very close to the road way and it maybe a good idea to consider finding another option for the doorway.

IEDA Member Smith discussed a neighboring property, B & W Auto. She stated that they are now closed. The owner decided to retire.

FARMERS MARKET

IEDA Chair Spivey stated that Manager Regon is not at the meeting today because she has gone to another meeting to accept a grant that was awarded to this project. We received a \$15,000 grant from Cumberland Forestry for the riverwalk portion of the project. IEDA Member Bales stated that she would like us to have a swing back there. IEDA Chair Spivey stated that Hill Studio is focusing on the river activity in the North Tazewell Revitalization Project. We have not had a kickoff meeting with the Tobacco Commission yet on those grant funds however Manager Regon has been talking to companies getting quotes from them of what it would cost to build the pavilion. Attorney Pyott suggested getting the vocational students to help with the project as they did with Warhawk Park. IEDA Chair Spivey also stated that we are having regular meetings with the farmers market chair and vice chair to share all updates with them.

MISCELLANEOUS

TOWN OF TAZEVELL MOUNTAIN BIKING PROJECT

IEDA Chair Spivey stated that she does not have an update at this time however there is a special called council work session tomorrow regarding town projects.

BILLY WAGNER PARK TRIBUTE

IEDA Chair Spivey stated that she is on Billy Wagner committee. They have met four times so far. They meet every other week. Manager Regon suggests that the committee come before council and speak at their next meeting. IEDA Chair Spivey has prepared slides and Charity Hurst will present. There is concern about the statute going in the mini park. In April the IEDA voted unanimously to support the statute going in the mini park. There had been a suggestion to put it out at the baseball fields but that it out of the way. It was also suggested to put it at Lincolnshire Park. IEDA Member Bales asked if the park had been addressed because there are issues with the fields. IEDA Chair Spivey stated that it is one of the projects begin talked about tomorrow. Main Street is an easily accessible location for all.

Also, the Billy Wagner committee will be beginning fund raising efforts. The induction into the Hall of Fame is July 27th, they want to do fund raising while it is fresh. Attorney Pyott discussed plans of how to construct the statute and layout of the mini park.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

IEDA Chair Spivey will be out of town. Group held discussion of whether to have a meeting or postpone til August. It was decided to move forward for now and if we see that there will not be a quorum closer to the meeting date we can cancel.

Motion to adjourn was made by IEDA Vice Chair Keen. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member Takach. On vote, IEDA Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Member Bales, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye; IEDA Member Keen, aye; IEDA Member Smith, aye; IEDA Member D'Amato, aye; IEDA Member Whittaker, aye.