

IEDA Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2025

Present:

IEDA Chair-Cara Spivey

IEDA Vice Chair Glen Keen

IEDA Member Justin Takach

IEDA Member Tammy Smith

IEDA Member Lucie D'Amato

Absent:

IEDA Member Alicia Bales

IEDA Member Susan Whittaker

Staff members present were Attorney Brad Pyott

Public in attendance were Emily Davis of Tazewell Today; Bob Gemmel

CALL TO ORDER

IEDA Chair Spivey called the meeting to order at 4:36pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

MINUTES

IEDA Member Takach made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2025. Motion was seconded by IEDA Member D'Amato. On vote, Chair Spivey, aye; IEDA Vice Chair Keen, aye; IEDA Member Smith, aye; IEDA Member Takach, aye.

EBAG

Chair Spivey-Attorney Pyott was concerned about code requirements for the VEZ portion. That is unrelated to the EBAG. Related to Bee Noodled VEZ meals tax agreements. Manager Regon emailed Erin last week but no none further communication regarding that. Attorney Pyott sent agreements for Wayfarer and Roadlore on 10/25. Attorney Pyott received the items that were missing from Stingerz and dropped off lease agreement. Megan with Bohemian Grey was notified that the items needed for the agreement were the copy of the Trust and contact information. Still have not heard and update nor received anything to date. Darren Addair was supposed to drop off documents, am not aware to date if he has done so.

Chair Spivey-We have a very short meeting in Dec. and will not discuss EBAG at that meeting. Via email we can do a summary of items missing and send out a letter and anything that is not completed by the end of 2025 they would need to come in and re-apply.

Chair Spivey- Some background information. Tazewell Today has a Small Area Planning Grant. They have worked with Hill Studio. Similar to the North Tazewell Region, Hill Studio have done similar walk through

Emily showed several ideas that Hill Studio came up with and called it Tazewell Green. In the winter ideas were an ice-skating rink, the area behind Town Hall becoming a maker space. 1st plan for space down from Town Hall included an amphitheater. With that being said, the road needs extensive work. Meeting with David Hill gave some ideas regarding the slope could provide sledding and biking terrain.

Chair Spivey: The meeting with David Hill she wanted to see a pickle ball court or perhaps more parking for the people visiting the area.

Emily: Another thing that had been discussed was a cycling bowl with parking or pump track with rubber laid. Part of the property is owned by Tazewell County.

Chair Spivey: No one in this area would use a pump track.

Emily: This would be a tie in with the way the council is thinking of the mountain bike trail. Chair Spivey had the idea of a playground although it is on a hill.

IEDA Member Takach: We would need to work with the terrain.

IEDA Member Smith: I feel we need to gear more towards the adults staying in the area.

Emily: there can be a walking ramp that is terraced in between.

IEDA Member Takach: I favor a chunk for parking, several of the lawyers and business employees park on main and take away from visitors.

Emily: Years down the road we could develop levels due to the slope.

IEDA Member Takach: The area around Fast-Mart is a zoning patch work and may not allow for townhouses.

Emily: Town uses the space but when you have the terracing then businesses can use it should they desire.

Chair Spivey: Pavillion with restrooms and parking would be more beneficial.

Emily: pump tract would be better then cycling bowl because you can pull up to the pump track.

Chair Spivey: Pickle ball, hillside playground to accommodate children and adults. Parking is very important with a riverwalk if we can scoot the road over, pending council approval. There is also the idea of a lighted path for a wheel chair walkway.

Emily: They also showed the area of the mini park where movies can be shown on the building. The Altizer stage needs improvement. We need some type of shade, perhaps the triangle's structure.

Chair Spivey: When do we need the final version?

Emily: Before the end of the year.

Chair Spivey: Mr. Hill doesn't do in house grants so his firm would have to help prepare for the grants.

Emily: Spoke to David Hill about a smart grant for side walk improvement on the Riverside side. We need to prepare a plan then apply for grant.

Attorney Pyott: Long range goal is for the North Tazewell Post Office to the Park the sidewalk space. Todd Day wanted a sidewalk but the center lane or turning lane is to wide that took away from the sidewalk plan. Something that we may want to revisit.

Emily: Tazewell Avenue sidewalk needs attention as well.

Chair Spivey: There are places in town that are not ADA compliant.

Chair Spivey: Jordan Dillon emailed myself, Exec Assistant Reeves and Town Manager Reagon regarding the CPROP application for the \$50,000 extra and stated that it was approved and that will cover the Pavillion paving and landscaping that will finish up that project.

Chair Spivey: What do we want to do next?

IEDA Member Smith: I think the things in Town look great and we need to focus on North Tazewell area.

Attorney Pyott: The county ran into a problem with the fire dept. It was proposed that the county acquire B&W Auto property and move the fire dept temporarily as the county building has been condemned.

Chair Spivey: If County gets the building I would like parking created and for it to go against our building.

Attorney Pyott: B&W Auto has to apply to change zoning. Provision is not in our code to allow for Fire Dept or Police Dept.

Chair Spivey: I did Email Tim Danielson and asked for an outline about how we would partner with the county regarding the BatCave. I expect an update for our December meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Spivey: is there a mountain biking update?

IEDA Chair Keen: No update as of yet.

IEDA Chair Keen: When is the Pavillion ground breaking scheduled for?

IEDA Member Takach: February is when that is supposed to take place.

Chair Spivey: Our December meeting will be abbreviated and will just be updates from Sharon Thomas.

BILLY WAGNER PROJECT

Chair Spivey: Fundraising paint night scheduled for December 4th at the American Legion Building.

IEDA Member Smith: Last weekend of February is going to be our Polar Plunge

ADJOURNMENT

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