



April 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes
5:45 PM | Halstad LRC

Present: John Hinkley, Brandon Mickelson, Alli Tice, Jessica Spaeth, and Donna Scholl.

Spaeth called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm.

Secretary's Report

Motion by Tice to accept secretary's report as presented, second by Hinkley. Motion carried UC

Treasurer's Report

Tice noted that the quarterly loan statements went out. Motion by Mickelson to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second by Hinkley. Motion carried. UC

Unfinished Business

The Spring Supper was reviewed in the treasurer's report. 78 tickets were sold, 80 people were served. (Free tickets to new residents contributed to the total number served.)

Featured Businesses: Halstad Fire Department – May, Halstad Lutheran Church – June.

New Business

Storefront Improvement letters will be sent to businesses for the 2017 program. Alli will send out list of businesses to EDA members to review.

Storefront improvement application received from Halstad Living Center. Motion by Hinkley to approve \$1,000 for the project, seconded by Tice. Motion carried. Spaeth will contact applicant for copy of contractor's estimate.

Yard of the Month will begin in May. Hinkley will contact Red River Promoter to do a story on the award program.

Spaeth provided an update on the disc golf course. After discussion, it was decided to have a contest to name the course. Volunteers will work to set the course up as soon as weather permits. Businesses may be approached to sponsor hole signs.

The group briefly discussed ideas to work with Hendrum EDA for the benefit of western Norman County.

An employment tab has been added to Halstad.com. Local employers are encouraged to contact the EDA to list their open positions as needed. The addition will be promoted via Halstad EDA Facebook page.

There was discussion regarding the names/titles of the east and west side parks. Spaeth will approach the city to discuss options.

There was discussion on welcome banners to hang from light poles. Spaeth will research and discuss with city council.

Mickelson mentioned a digital sign for the corner of Highways 200 & 75. More research will be done to determine the cost of a sign and MNDOT regulations on electronic signs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Spaeth
Acting Secretary