

## **City of Pekin Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019 City Hall – 4:00 pm**

Members present: Emily Lambe, Renna Hadsall, Mayor Luft, Lelonie Luft, Matt Fick

Others attending: Bruce Wineburner, Tom Veech

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
- 2.0 Motion by L. Luft, second by Hadsall, to approve the minutes of the 7/29/2019 meeting. Motion carried.
- 3.0 New Business
  - 3.1 The committee was informed of a request for a letter of support from the City to Nate Heinhold regarding his bid to host the 2021 Pro and Junior World Disc Golf Championships in Pekin. The Committee asked for more information regarding what type of sales tax revenue and overnight stays past events created and how much LedgeStone donated to charity from event proceeds. They also suggested that any future contributions be given in the form of a reimbursement for actual expenses and not as an up-front grant. Matt Fick said he would look into this and report back at their next meeting.
  - 3.2 A discussion of modifications to the Tourism Committee structure was held. It was suggested that the Committee be restructured and called the Tourism and Beautification Committee and the number of members expanded. A list of 10 – 12 potential organizations were mentioned to serve on the Committee and also the idea of giving the group expanded duties and responsibilities. Matt Fick is going to update the by-laws and send them out prior to next month's meeting for review.
- 4.0 Lelonie Luft, manager of the Avanti's Dome, asked about the City providing a place for directional signage on Griffin Drive near Veterans Drive and that there might have been language included in the Griffin Drive extension contract that provided for this.
- 5.0 There were no other Items for discussion.
- 6.0 The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.