



Minutes of the Blossburg Visions In Business and Entertainment Monthly Meeting  
August 26, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.  
6 members were present.

**Administration Information**

- Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer did not submit a report for the month of July.
- Bills to be paid – No bills presented to be paid.

**Design**

- Façade Improvement account balance – All checks have been written. The Brick has been paid and we are holding checks for Blossburg Fire Department and First Citizens National Bank. Account balance is at \$0.00 after writing all checks.
- Approved Applications
  - Blossburg Fire Department
  - First Citizens National Bank

**Promotion**

- Communications
  - We have been getting very good press coverage for our recent project milestones. The Basketball Court appeared in the Wellsboro Gazette and the Skate Park made it onto the evening news. (Clip available at pahomepage.com).
  - We're going to see if we can link the video clip from the Skate Park Demo to the V.I.B.E. page on Blossburg.org.
  - We will start submitting event information to the new weekly events paper Mountain Air.
- Farmers Market
  - The farmers market is going well. We're getting a consistent group of vendors who seem quite happy with the turnout.
- Community Garden
  - The gardens are doing really well, except for the tomatoes, due to the blight. A few people need to stop by their gardens to do some weeding, (hint, hint...) but overall it looks good. We may want to have a tree removed to open up the garden area to more sunlight. Tonya McNamara will look into this further.
- Skate Park
  - Jill Nickerson still has some work to do, but she hopes to have the park completed by the end of October. V.I.B.E. is also looking into insurance options for the park.
- Walking Trail

- There has been a very positive response to the idea of a walking trail in Blossburg. Members have been talking to property owners along the proposed trail to determine who is interested in allowing access to their property. Some landowners have expressed concerns about liability issues. Our current research shows that landowner liability will be limited thanks to Pennsylvania's Recreation Use of Land and Water Act. More information about RUWLA can be found on the DCNR site at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/RUWLA%20fact%20sheetFinalFpdf.pdf>. Talks with landowners are continuing
- Wireless
  - Two indoor Meraki nodes have been purchased and we're currently waiting their arrival. One will be placed at the Hardware store to provide an additional internet access point. Josh Jones will also approach the owner of the new Toader's Pizzeria to determine if they are interested in sharing their Internet.

### **Economic Restructuring**

- Toader's Pizzeria opens on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The old Victoria Theater has been purchased by Pete Gorda. Mr. Gorda and family are currently working on painting the exterior of the building and planning apartments upstairs. He hopes to open the theater sometime in the future, but it may be a little while.
- It looks like all of the available business space downtown is currently rented. If you have business space available, let V.I.B.E. know. E-mail [vibe@blossburg.org](mailto:vibe@blossburg.org). People are currently looking for space to rent.

### **Comments and Input**

- It was noted that the Coal Festival Committee is not going to be doing the Fall Festival celebration this year.
  - V.I.B.E. discussed this event at length and has decided to start talking to people and see if there is interest in holding one this year. Final determination will be held at an Oktoberfest Action Team meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - **V.I.B.E. Oktoberfest Action Team Meeting** – September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Brick. 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in helping to plan or give ideas for this event is welcome to join us.
    - Some possible ideas thrown on the table during the meeting were: a band, farmers market, pumpkin painting, community group booths, school org. booths, College org. booths, Food, Games, different time of the day. Target date for the event would be October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 5K Race to benefit the Blossburg Pool on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Blossburg V.I.B.E. will be a Level 3 sponsor at \$100 which gets a logo placement on the race shirt and a free shirt.

Meeting concluded at 7:20 PM

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