

Corridor Improvement Authority

08/03/2026

Sister Lakes Brewing Company Town Hall

Chairman Rod Pletz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Don Blackmond, Pat Hickey, Mike Spain, Rod Pletz, Mari Herrell, Tom Neary and Harold Schaus.

Members absent: Vickie Pletz.

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 07/06/2026 by Tom Neary. Seconded by Don Blackmond. Motion passed.

Chairman Pletz stated that he has not received the financial statement, so no financial report was made. There was one outstanding bill. A bill of \$109.48 is to reimburse Mike Spain for the printing of the brick order forms. A motion was made by Don Blackmond for \$109.48, seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Blackmond said that he has received a draft of a lease proposal from council. Don said that he has emailed a copy to the board members. He asked the board members to review it and get back to him with any questions they may have. Don said that he has a couple of questions about the length of term of the lease and a 30 day out clause. Consensus seems that we should seek a 20-year lease to justify the investment. Discussion ensued. The need to form guidelines for who is responsible for adding content to the sign and what would be allowed as content for the sign.

Chairman Pletz commented that we have received 4 letters of support for the grant application, from the Round Lake Association, Crooked Lake Association, the Lions Club and from Silver Creek Township.

Repair of the storm damage to the fence at the leased property is ongoing.

Interest in the commemorative bricks is picking up. Chairman Pletz said that he was going to meet with the Keeler Township Treasurer and Clerk to ensure that there is a clear path for payment and ordering going forward. Orders may be held until we have a group of 10 or more, so we do not incur an extra charge. Discussion about getting the word out about the commemorative bricks and the need for a sign explaining about the pavilion. A sign would need the approval of the zoning administrator.

Update on the gratitude plaque for the picnic tables. Vicky has called Creative Vinyl, and the plaques are still not in. No expected date was given.

The tax increment financing subcommittee met and discussed what projects would be needed and feasible. Discussed ways of getting community input as to what they would like to see for projects.

They need to get legal counsel to establish what needs to be done and a timeline to renew or adopt a TIF district. A planning and development company needs to be involved. Discussion ensued.

The idea of a 5K run was discussed and tabled.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 6:57pm.

Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Don Blackmond made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Spain. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is September 7th, 2026.