

## Timnath Town Council Meeting May 9, 2023

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Agency: Timnath Town Council

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Date & Meeting time: May 9, 2023 @ 6PM: Started 6:00pm

Members Present: Mark Soukup, Brett Hasen, Lisa Laake, Luke Wagner, Robert Axmacher

Members Absent: All present

Others present to note (media, public, other agencies): [Mike Scholl](#) with Ayers Associates

Relevant document links (agenda, meeting packet):

- Meeting video recording: <https://timnath.org/live-stream/>
  - Meeting agenda:  
<https://timnath.civicweb.net/filepro/document/28928/Timnath%20Town%20Council%20-%202009%20May%202023%20Agenda.html?splitscreen=true&notes=true&widget=true>
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Ann Levinston: Requests provision to public code regarding off leash animals (animals at large) - she requests getting an exemption due to her physical limitations
  - b. Dr. Bill Jenkins: Resolution No. 37: 2023 Wants to congratulate economic policies that support small business in the community. Asks for more details on what constitutes a small business.
4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Approval of the April 25, 2023, Town Council Meeting Minutes
  - b. April 21, 2023 Check Register
  - c. April 24, 2023 Check Register
5. REPORTS
  - a. Mayor and Council Reports
6. BUSINESS
  - a. PROCLAMATION: Mental Health Awareness Month (Presented by Lisa Laake)
  - b. RESOLUTION NO. 37, SERIES 2023, A Resolution Approving an Economic Development Incentive Policy - Small Business (Presented Matt Blakely)
    - i. Created to provide clear and transparent guidance for accepting and reviewing incentive requests (for up to \$35,000)
    - ii. [Mike Scholl](#) with Ayers Associates hired to provide guidance for the process of accept, approve and review money requests
      1. Proposed policy includes Incentives that emerge from one of three sources: a sales tax rebate, a construction use tax or a building permit fee reimbursement.
      2. R. Axmacher question: Were local small businesses interviewed regarding the proposed policy? No direct outreach was done; Matt was relying on Mr. Scholl's experience and expertise.
      3. L. Laake: Is there an appeal process for this policy? This would be an iterative process so these disagreements can be resolved.
      4. L. Wagner question: These funds are available for new developments.
    - iii. Resolution approved unanimously.
  - c. RESOLUTION NO. 38, SERIES 2023, A Resolution Approving A Crossing Agreement for Weitzel Park (Presented by: Brian Williamson)
    - i. Makes it possible to put out bids for building a loop trail around Weitzel Park.
    - ii. Resolution approval.
7. ADJOURNMENT

## Summary

- The Council approved the Economic Development Incentive Policy and a pool of \$100,000 for small businesses, particularly in Old Town and along Harmony Road. This resolution was supported in Public Comments by Timnath resident Bill Jenkins.
- The Council approved opening up bids to build a loop trail around Weitzel Park.