

## The Annual Report to the Frankenmuth City Council

September 4, 2018

### EDC Members 2017-18

John Benson,  
Frankenmuth Insurance

Beth Bernthal-Reindel,  
City Council  
Resident

Tim Dils, Resident

Mike Fassezke,  
Star of the West

Jamie Furbush,  
Chamber of Commerce

Tim Hildner,  
Frankenmuth Township  
Supervisor

Abby McClellan-Curtis,  
Abby's

Brandon Muller,  
Clark Hill

Chris Rittmueller,  
Tri City Controls  
Chairman

Vickie Schmitzer,  
City Council  
Frankenmuth Credit  
Union

Jerry Thompson,  
Vice Chairman  
Resident

Terry Weiss, Secretary  
Resident

*Ex-Officio*

Bridget Smith  
City Manager

John Deterding,  
City Treasurer

Joann Crary,  
Saginaw Future

*Staff Liaison*  
Sheila Stamiris

### About the Board of Directors

#### Organization:

- Meeting Dates scheduled monthly for the Third Thursday, at 1:30 PM in City Township Government Center in the Meeting Chambers. All meetings are open to the public.
- Board Membership totals 11 of an allowable 13. Officers/Members are listed on the left.

#### Recent Accomplishments:

- Approved Purchase Agreement for 4 Acres in the Frankenmuth Business Park with the Frankenmuth Brewery. Brewery owners have until the end of January 2019 to complete their due diligence. The project proposes to build a 20,000 square foot brewery, retaining their restaurant operation on Main Street.
- Annexed the remaining acreage in the Business Park from the Township. Any site within the Business Park has access to utilities, according to the City Township Master Growth Plan of 2015.
- Initiated Storm Water Management Plan engineering contract for the remaining Business Park land and adjacent properties. Upon completion, plan for civil engineering plan for Keystone Street.
- Recommended continuing relationship with the Wirt Rivette Group of Saginaw for the construction of 20,000 speculative building in the Business Park. The "Spec Building" targets small-scale manufacturers, artisan industries, or small production and scaling or research and development opportunities.
- Recommend annual budget to include \$5,000 stipend for Saginaw Future.
- Completed a new 5-year work plan, including the development of a new mission statement.

**EDC Vision for the Community.** The EDC recognizes the City's desirability as a location for business and residential investment. While tourism remains the City's base industry, the EDC diversifies its economic base by expanding all commercial sectors and providing new housing options to be attractive to diverse age groups. Stable employment, appreciating property values, good neighborhoods and strong schools continue to fuel interest in Frankenmuth as a business and residential center. Buoyed by its ever-evolving and nationally recognized tourism industry, Frankenmuth residents will continue to have access to the "finer things in life" including arts, history, food and environment and experienced- based recreation. Current residents and those looking to move to Frankenmuth seek quality, diverse housing opportunities in stable and walkable neighborhoods and in a range of affordability. Housing will be concentrated within the City-Township Urban Limit Line for walkability and access to recreation, entertainment, services, schools, worship and work. Housing needs will be met with options through new construction, infill development or rehab of existing units.

A copy of the 5-Year Work Plan is attached for your review.