Town of Merrillville
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026, 6:00 pm
Merrillville Municipal Complex

Call to Order
Mr. Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Roll Call
Ms. Hardaway took roll call. The following members were present: Mr. Pettit, Ms. Uzelac, and Ms. Haynes-Edwards. The following members were absent: Ms. Chandler-Felton. There were 4 members present; there was a quorum.

Consent Agenda Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for August 25th, 2026.
Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 28th, 2026. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Haynes-Edwards; there was no discussion. The motion was carried with a voice vote of 4 yes and 0 no.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Hearings:

Town Attorney review of Proof of Publication(s): Add Proof of Publication with a public hearing date of August 25th, 2026, Re: Reso 26-04-Notice of Public Hearing concerning a proposed amendments to the resolution previously adopted by the Merrillville Redevelopment Commission and subsequently amended that established Liberty Estates West Economic Development Area.

Public Hearing: Taxpayers appearing at the hearing will have the right to be heard on the amendments.

Mr. Pettit referred to the Town Attorney, Mr. Svetanoff, and asked if he had reviewed the Proof of Publication for Resolution 26-04. Mr. Svetanoff confirmed that the Proof of Publication was in order and that the hearing was proper and necessary.

Mr. Pettit stated that, with that being confirmed, he opened the Public Hearing on Resolution 26-04 and read the Resolution aloud. Mr. Pettit then asked Mr. Svetanoff if Mr. Swintz of London Witte could elaborate on the matter before opening the floor for public comment. Mr. Svetanoff confirmed that would be acceptable.

Mr. Swintz stated that a couple of months ago, the Liberty Estates West Allocation Area was created. Following its creation, there was a discussion with Mr. Hall of Luxor Homes regarding the makeup of the Allocation Area and the timing of the project. Mr. Swintz explained that the action being considered would not create a new Allocation Area. Rather, the existing Liberty Estates West Allocation Area would be divided into several separate areas. He stated that there would be no real tax impact, as the Liberty Estates West Allocation Area already exists and the proposed action would only modify its configuration.

Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Swintz and asked if the Commission had any further questions. There was no further discussion.

Mr. Pettit opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Mr. Pettit then brought the matter back before the Commission and asked the Chair to entertain a motion on Resolution No. 26-04

General Orders:

Resolution 26-04 *Public Hearing*

Resolution of the Merrillville Redevelopment Commission confirming certain amendments to the declaratory resolution and Economic Development Plan for the Town's existing Liberty Estates West Economic Development Area, and related matters. Ms. Uzelac motioned to approve, seconded by Ms. Hardaway. There was no further discussion. The motion carried with a roll call of 4 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Pettit asked Ms. Chilcott, Economic Development Director, if there was any further business. Ms. Chilcott replied that there was no further business at this time.

Adjournment: Ms. Uzelac motions to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hardaway at 6:20 pm.

Adopted on: September 22, 2026