**Bloomingdale Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 4/18/2016

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Present:**

* Suzanne Osborne
* John Graziano
* Elaine Petrowski
* Paul Laman
* Elisa Kolenut

**Absent with Notice:**

* Phil Arena

**Absent without Notice:**

**Meeting Discussion:**

* Reviewed summary analyses performed for each survey response. Discussed the themes found in the survey questions. Decided to draft a memo which will summary and recommendation for the Borough Council which will include a summary of the survey results, the EDC’s recommendations, and an appendix including the question summaries.
* Decided to extend business survey deadlines in order to focus on the memo.
* Introduced the concept of a holiday light competition for Main St businesses. Preliminary discussions on when to roll out the competition and how. The idea of using a free survey website (as our subscription to Poll Daddy ends later in 2015) to obtain votes for best holiday light display. Discussed potential prizes for the winner to include a large ribbon and/or sign that can be displayed in front of the business.
* Discussed possibility of moving meeting time to 7:30 next year.
* Discussed Hometown Habitat which is a film stressing the importance of maintaining native habitats. Funding is required to show this film to an audience. Elaine attempted to coordinate with Environmental Commission.

**Action Items for Next Meeting:**

* John to draft summary and recommendation for review during the next EDC meeting.
* Paul to reach out to Matt Zaccone for interest in joining the EDC.