

Tourism/Economic Development Committee Report for May 2018

Tourism

Spring is finally here and warmer weather brings more tourism to our town. We have seen more people starting to use the river system that runs through Owen County. Blue Wing Landing uses the river to promote its Bed and Breakfast and it seems to be appealing to many out of town guests. They can use the river to fish or boat or kayaking. Of course, Elk Creek is still our most visited spot in the county. The Winery and hunt club bring in countless tourist and continue to be a tourist destination for many.

Economic Development

In May, Committee Member Spurgeon attended the monthly meeting of the Owen County Chamber of Commerce (OCCC) and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). There was no meeting of the Owen County Industrial Authority (OCIA). Interest continues in the Industrial Park and hospital property and we hope to have these properties filled in the near future.

/s/ Todd M. Spurgeon, Committee Member

/s/ Travis Fitzgerald, Committee Member



Tourism/Economic Development Committee Report for June 2018

Tourism

June Tourism in Owen was very good. Many people from out of town come to Owen County to take advantage of the woods and river system. We have many that come to fish and others that enjoy the riverboat tour. Blue Wing Landing continues to stay busy with tourist from all across the country. Elk Creek and the Hunt Club have also been busy with people coming to enjoy events and other activities.

We look forward to the upcoming months here in Owen County. Joyce Duvall is constantly working to promote Owen County tourism and upcoming events. She stays very busy at the visitor center, which has proved to be an asset to tourism here in Owen County.

Economic Development

In the month of June, Committee Member Spurgeon attended the monthly meetings of the Owen County Chamber of Commerce (OCCC) and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). There was no meeting of the Owen County Industrial Authority (OCIA). The speaker at the June OCCC meeting was Commonwealth Attorney Jim Crawford. Mr. Crawford gave the membership an update on criminal trends in the 15th Circuit (Grant, Carroll and Owen Counties). He also spoke about the incarceration rates which has a direct impact on county budgets as the state is shifting more of these costs to the counties. The annual budget for 2019 was approved at the NKADD meeting and recognition was given to Larry Bosley, the retiring Finance Director at the NKADD.

/s/ Todd M. Spurgeon, Committee Member

/s/ Travis Fitzgerald, Committee Member



Tourism/Economic Development Committee Report for July 2018

Tourism

July Tourism in Owen was very good. Many people from out of town are coming to enjoy the Owen County Fair this month. Our fair attracts people from all around the state, which in turn, brings tourism dollars to our county. As always, Elk Creek was busy this month with events. Elk Creek is one the biggest wineries in the state and people love to come and experience what it has to offer. We also look forward to the upcoming months here in Owen County. Joyce Duvall is constantly working to promote Owen County tourism and upcoming events, including the Pride of Counties booth at the State Fair.

Economic Development

In July, Committee Member Spurgeon attended the monthly meetings of the Owen County Chamber of Commerce (OCCC) and the Northern Kentucky Area Development District (NKADD). There was no meeting of the Owen County Industrial Authority (OCIA). Interest continues in the buildings at the Industrial Park, the Itron facility and the hospital. We are very optimistic that these properties will soon be operating again with new businesses.

/s/ Todd M. Spurgeon, Committee Member

/s/ Travis Fitzgerald, Committee Member

