

**DDA AGENDA MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 17th, 2011 7 pm
TUSCARORA TWP. HALL**

Call to Order (7:07pm)

Roll Call

- Present: Dan Nivelt, Kelly Ashford, Cindy Poquette, Dawn Bodnar, Mike Ridley, Matt Whitener, Mike Saker
- Absent: Scott Lange, Jim O'Donnell

Agenda

Addition: Pathway Update, Utilities Options and Streetscape "What if's" under New Business

Motion to accept: M Ridley, Support: M. Saker; Carried

Minutes

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Treasurer's report:

- *IMMA Savings acct.*

Interest received \$39.16

Ending balance: **\$238,248.74**

- *Checking Acct.*

Bills that have posted this month are:

Screengraphics	\$ 875.00
Fleis & Vanderbrink	\$5,280.00

Ending Balance: **\$2,243.76**

New certificate was started on 1/24/11: \$100,000, interest is .80%. Maturity date is 1/19/12

Currently have bills for...

Mileage reimbursement for M. Ridley in the amount of **\$61.20** for Public Service Commision Mtg in Grayling. (120 miles @ \$.51)

Fleis and Vanderbrink **\$ 1,772.48**

Motion to pay bills: D. Nivelt, Support: C. Poquette; Carried

Pathways Project: This brings us up to 90% on pre-design grant administration
58% on the design work completed

Motion to approve Treasurers Report: M. Ridley, Support: C. Poquette; Carried

New Business

Discussion of Streetscape Plans

M. Ridley presented the latest concept diagram from Gordie Frasier.

It shows:

- Pockets of both parallel and angle out parking on the east side of S. Straits Hwy.
- No center turn lane (Luke will allow all or nothing on this topic)
- Only two bump outs
- Bridge St. intersection to be completed this fall
- Corner light posts should be "doubles", should shine down and be equipped with brackets, outlets and hooks. (Cindy will bring pictures of samples to next meeting)
- Discussion of speed limit study ensued. Determination is made based on the average speed the drivers are currently driving.
- Wait to make any further decisions until sewer project is decided
- D. Nivelt asked if we could ask for a millage to support this; the consensus was that it would be the same people who are in the sewer district, it would be too much

Sewer Discussion

If sewers don't go through:

- Do we bury lines?
- New sidewalks?
- New storm drains?
- Move all the power lines to one side?

Underground Utilities

- Would we have enough money to bury the utilities, since we have eliminated the center turn lane?
- The power company isn't on board to do this because every other community with a streetscape project would use us as an example to get their lines buried.
- Cost would be \$950,000 to fully bury the lines (we would have to do all the sweeps and conduit)
- Cost would be \$150,000/mile to move service to one side (No switchgears needed) Poles could be hidden from view by tree plantings (conduits would be run under road)
- Westsiders would still be hooked up with overhead service.
- Eastsiders would incur hook up costs (\$10/ft) and have to install new sockets for the meters
- Power company says this project isn't even on their radar
- They also claim that our "antiquated" system is safer
- Could the DDA secure or put aside funds to assist property owners with payment for this conversion? (Perhaps a \$500 stipend?)
- Louis (Mike's contact at the power company) will be invited to next month's meeting
- Poles will have to be located in the right of way

Pathways Project

- MDOT has proposed that we have to have a "safe harbor" island in the middle of the road at the State Park entrance. Since this was NOT in the grant proposal, the DDA would have to incur the cost.
- Since they approved the plan without the island, we may be able to keep it out

Public Comments

Brett L. asked what the timeframe for the streetscape is to begin.

- M. Ridley answered possibly August 12th, 2012. This way all businesses could reap the benefits of the “busy” portion of the summer
- The Sewer/Streetscape project will take about 4 months
- It may happen next fall, or the following spring

The DDA will invite Scott Swanson, from the Straitsland Resorter, to next month’s meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn @ 8:26: M. Ridley, Support: D. Nivelt

Next meeting: Monday, November 21st, 2011 7 pm. Twp Hall