

## **DDA MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting**

**January 17, 2013**

**7:00pm**

### **Tuscarora Township Hall**

**Call to order by Dan Nivelte at 7:02 pm**

#### **Roll call:**

Present: Brett Lindgren, Cindy Poquette, Dan Nivelte, Mike Ridley, Scott Lange, Jim O'Donnell , Diana Mallory

Absent: Mike Saker, Matt Whitener

Guests: 7

**Approval of the Agenda:** **Motion** was made by Mike Ridley to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and seconded by Cindy Poquette.

#### **Approval/Amended Minutes:**

December 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved, Cindy **motioned** and Mike Ridley seconded the motion.

**Update on the pathway project:** Cindy had to send more documents per the Trust Funds request and has been taken care of. They have all they need now.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Lange provided financials for the months of December and January. The current balance in the savings is \$297,010.62 and \$17,248.14 currently in the checking account. There was no activity in the checking account in December, and a small deposit was made to the savings account. Four checks were written in January. These checks were to pay postage, Tuscarora Township, Screen Graphics, and Gourdie-Frasier. A deposit was also made for the reimbursement of the cost of the bridge lights for \$1759.39.

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report** was made by Diana Mallory, and supported by Brett Lindgren.

**Updates on the Streetscape:** Cindy did talk to Ron Lett, they need a work order to proceed with the cost estimate. It will be a \$10,000 minimum to move poles. They would have to do a study to see where the lines would run, d/t the possibility of producing an "echo", which we would want to avoid. A meeting will be attended by Dan and Mike Ridley. A cost of \$300-700 will be charged for the

engineering cost of the field study, to develop the cost estimate. Mike Ridley motioned, and Cindy Poquette supported to pay for the field study.

Craig Waldron spoke with the CCRC to see if we could get assistance via the Trust Fund to assist in this project. The approval to contribute \$299,500 was made to apply to the Streetscape Project. Dan Nivelt personally thanks Craig Waldron for all of his efforts.

Brian was in attendance to speak to us about the money that has been donated from the Task Force for the 2013 fiscal year. There was much discussion as to how the process will go, and how slow it may be. County Engineers, Kathy Bunker and Mike Roper estimate July/August as our start bidding date for this project. We do have time to continue to save money to help in other areas of this project, ie: burying utility lines etc. Angle parking was discussed as to whether this was going to be implemented. Brian said that it is up to the DDA to make the choice of which style to adopt. We would pick the option which would be the safest for pedestrians and for the flow of traffic. Curbing could be designed to access either option for parking. Once plans are drawn up, Brian will provide them to the DDA to decide what we want and what changes need to be implemented. Cindy had a question as to preparing to plans to have the "option" to bury lines for future projects. Brian advised that the option to do so will be implemented into the plans.

**Misc:** Cell numbers were added to the contact list for the DDA, and emailed to all members. Mike voiced the tremendous amount of repair activity in Tuscarora Township compared to other surrounding townships. The "Cloud System" should be available to Cheboygan County residents by April 2013.

Cindy **motioned** to approve the September minutes and Brett supported.

Dan advised he would be available to meet with Ron Lett as needed.

**New Business:** Mike Ridley was made reference to a long term schedule for future meeting with a busy summer ahead of us all that are on the board and business owners. We will be putting it on the agenda to review a schedule for the summer meeting months.

**Public Comment:** A question was asked if the sewer and streetscape project have been officially severed...and the board advised yes they have. Mike Ridley and Brian advised the reason why is to be able to use the federal aid, the projects have to be separate, as well as having the street completely destroyed while the project is being completed.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mike Ridley Motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. and Diana Mallory seconded.

Next meeting: February Meeting Cancelled, next meeting will be on March 18, 2013.