

DDA MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 17, 2014

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP HALL

CALL TO ORDER By: Cindy Poquette at (time): 7:05pm

ROLL CALL Present: Cindy Scott Brett Mike R. Sheree

Absent: Dan Diana Scott Mike S.

Approval of today's Agendaa:

Approval of September 15, 2014 Minutes: Motion to approve was made by Mike Ridley, supported by Brett Lundgren, all in favor.

Financials for September/October 2014: Motion to accept by Sheree, supported by Brett, all in favor.

No Meeting held in October due to lack of quorum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on the Pathway Project: Water Pooling At Barbara Street - Cindy advised that she contacted the construction company about the pooling water. They advised that they will take care of it in the Spring. She also advised she is getting quotes on 2 benches to be installed on pathway between Bridge and School.

Update on Pathway Lighting – Cindy advised to leave on Agenda for December.

Update on Streetscape project.

Request for Lake Street 1-Way Access - Should hear further developments(from CCRC) on December 8th per Cindy.

Business District Community Survey – Survey Questions were reviewed and attachments about back in parking noted. Discussion of adding a few more clarifying questions which were proposed by Sheree Lincoln. Mike Ridley supported allowing the addition of the questions that would further clarify if people approved of plan with back in parking, combination, or without, or if they approve with no preference. On Monday and Tuesday November 24th and 25th, 2014 Sheree Lincoln will hand deliver survey, take responses from those willing to give them and deliver accompanying 11x17 copies of the streetscape to aid them in taking the survey. Surveys will be mailed or emailed to any businesses who are unavailable on those days. December 1st Mike Ridley will be available at the Township Hall from 12:00pm to 2:00pm to take survey responses from the general public.

Funding Agreement between the DDA/Township and Road Commission? Voted to approve Funding Agreement with amendment. Requested additional language to be written and included by the Road Commission prior to Special Township Meeting this week to approve Funding Letter.

1st Motion requested by Sheree Lincoln regarding language for amendment regarding the 50-50 split of payments for streetscape drawing between DDA/Township and Road Commission. 1st Motion withdrawn by Sheree Lincoln after some discussion of wording. 2nd motion by Sheree Lincoln to propose new wording. Ridley Seconded the motion. 2nd motion withdrawn by Sheree Lincoln. 3rd

Motion brought by Sheree Lincoln that: DDA would request that the Road Commission write and include language addressing the following:

1. Road Commission would be financially responsible for any re-drawing or engineering if information provided by the Road Commission was incorrect.
2. This agreement does not supersede the previous agreement for 50/50 cost share on previous design it only concerns costs incurred from this day forward.

3rd motion regarding wording of amendment supported by Scott, all in favor.

Mike Ridley agreed to contact Mike Roper from the road commission to discuss the proposed amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on East Tawas Conference by Sheree Lincoln – Due to today's lengthy meeting it was noted that all DDA Members have copies of the CEC Conference notes compiled by attendee Sheree Lincoln. Also noted that the Tribune, Chamber and Township have copies of the report and that a copy would be sent to Kathy Swanson. Sheree Lincoln would also provide link to CEC Power Point Link.

Discussion of House Bill No. 5856 – Cindy advised that both she and Mike Ridley have been monitoring the proposed bill for about 2 ½ months. Acknowledged that some form of the bill will probably be passed. Bill effects DDA's formed prior to 1994. Noted that this DDA was formed January 2nd of 1996.

Recommend to TTBD the appointment of Mr. John Breitbarth (vote on before next Township meeting). Motion by Mike Ridley, Support by Scott, Second by Brett, all in favor. John Breitbarth was introduced and talked about his business, the Stargate, and his move to Indian River.

Recommend to MDOT reflectors to be added to the Pedestrian Refuse. Discussion to support reflectors was favorable.

Discussed with DDA Members if there is interest in joining the IRCC. Motion to join IRCC by Ridley, support by Scott, second by Brett, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Wright commented on how many people are against back in parking with regard to the safety of backing up between cars. Especially for the elderly drivers.

Kathy Swanson asked for clarification on the requirements for studies regarding the back in parking if the DDA were to utilize Federal Money. She noted that Dan Nivelte was quoted in September minutes as having said no studies were required. She added that she had contacted MDOT and had been advised that the requirement is directly related to how the two projects are managed. If the roadwork and streetscape are paired together as a single project then she would have to meet all federal and MDOT requirements and include an engineering study. Inquired if it were done separately with the TA grant would a study be required

ADJOURN Time: 7:50pm Motioned: Cindy Supported: Dan Nivelte

Next Meeting: December 15th, 7:00PM