

DDA Meeting 12/21/2015

Called to order at 7:03 By: Vice Chairman Dan N.

Roll Call

Present: Dan Nivelt, Mike Saker, Dawn Bodnar, Sheree Lincoln, John Breitbarth, Mike Ridley, Kelly Ashford

Absent: Brett Lindgren, Scott Lange

Agenda

This Months Agenda: Motioned: Dawn Bodnar Supported: John Breitbarth All in Favor

Approval of Minutes October 19th, 2015 by Mike Saker, Dawn Second All in Favor

Motioned: Mike Saker Supported: Dawn Bodnar All in Favor

Financials

Financials Reports from: 09/30/2015

See Financial Report. Checking Balance \$. Earned \$ interest in the savings account balance is \$ Total DDA funds Available: .

Motion to approve Financials: Supported: All in Favor

Motion to Approve Treasurers Report: Mike Ridley Motioned Supported: Mike Saker All in favor.

Ridley Motions -- Dawn to pay chamber for ?

Old Business

Update on Streetscape - Dan Nivelt -

Mike was concerned about the narrative in the TAP grant applications. It does appear to be all there. A letter was received by Mike Ridley from Alex Nikoloff stating that "The

2016 TAP Planning Guide has application deadlines and other target dates for 2016. The next 2 deadlines (February 1 and May 2) would still allow you to build in 2017 if the application is approved. The August 1 deadline would probably be fine too; you will generally need to have a grant decision from us by late all in order to build the following year" Mike noted that based on this letter we are moving the potential build time for the Streetscape project to 2017. Mike noted that the process of putting out for bid will create a longer timeline anyway therefore these application dated would give us time to get bids for the following year.

He also confirmed that Craig is the project manager replacement for Brian Boles at Gordie Frasier. Mike asked if Craig would consider staying with the project. He is thorough, pays attention to detail. Mike Ridley would like to have Craig come and speak about his role and the ongoing services from Gordie Frasier. Sheree also noted that the Lincoln's experience in talking with Craig to get questions answered, had been good thus far. She suggested asking Craig if he might send us a small guideline of items he might propose for his the presentation we would like to request him to bring to the January DDA Board Meeting. If some information was provided in advance the DDA members might better be able to think about what kinds of questions would be helpful to ask Craig at the January Meeting. The meeting for January will be moved from January 19th to January 25th, 2016 to accommodate various DDA Member schedules.

Kelley Ashford suggested that speaking with other communities about who they used for their streetscape projects and how the project went could be very helpful as we moved forward. She noted that is how Fleis was found for the Pathway Project.

Mike noted that Good Morning America and some other current media shows suggested that back in angle parking is the safest.

Map for Trail Head and update on Kiosks - The cost for 24' x 36" map to be placed in the Trailhead Glass Kiosk would be about \$30 printed as a glossy poster and about \$60 on core board at Office Max. Sheree also requested a quote from Straits Area Printing. A 18" x 24" map could be considered accompanied by an 11" x 17" key to the businesses. In this way as businesses change the map would not have to be changed just the key. Numbered locations on the Map would correspond with the key list. Mike Saker asked why the map was not being payed for by the Chamber. Part of the reason is because he map should include all businesses in the DDA district and not just Chamber Members. Amanda Baker, the Chamber Director has a key to the glass kiosk along with permission from Emily, who was in charge of the Trailhead project, to out similar items in the glass case at the trail head. Sheree will take a look at updating and

enlarging the current map of downtown Indian River that was designed by her company BrassWind Designs, to include the rest of the DDA District North and South of town. The map is currently in use for the Rhythm on the River Music Concert Series put on by the Chamber. It is also used in another version as a proposed Treasure Map of the Indian River area where businesses would give coupons, discounts or activities to those who follow the maps trails and collect punches on the map. Amanda has expressed a preference for his map according to Sheree. Sheree also noted that it would be helpful if the map in the glass case was the same one used for the Treasure Hunt as it would be more recognizable because a smaller version would be handed out to tourists. She also suggested that since the map already exists it would be economical to use it as there would be little or no additional expense for the DDA other than printing. She noted that when the Streetscape grant were received then additional way finding signs and maps would be looked at and other companies who regularly design signs, kiosks and maps would be considered to design these.

Pathway: Mike Re; ORV Connector. Gabe from MDOT will come in January and walk through the section by Vivio's. MDOT says we need so much right of way. Because MDTO had us put the pedestrian island in we do not have enough right of way to make the ORV Connector. Need 8' of width to make a path for the ORV's Currently they can only ride to BP Gas Station from South of town and cannot get to Wilson's River Edge or Ken's Market. John noted that connecting the ORV trails to town to lead to more utilization of downtown businesses as well as more people from in town visiting South of town businesses.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Nancy - Question - is the drawing complete for the Streetscape? The answer is no. According to Dan Nivelt it will not be updated until we get the grant because it would be not be cost effective as drawings might need to be changed or if we do not get the grant we would have spent money unnecessarily.

Scott Swanson said that Nancy asked about back in angle parking at Road Commission meeting.

Sue is overwhelmed with DDA work and Mike Ridley suggested that the Township may need to hire some one on a temporary basis to help with DDA paperwork and

documentation. Example: Sue just finished working on the DDA audit which took up a large amount of time.

Dawn asked if anyone has ever asked if the Cross and the Woods might want to connect up? General conversation about advantages of if a connector were to be added for ORV's it would also be a good way for Burt Lake State Park guests on bicycle to get to The Cross in the Woods especially of The Cross in the Woods would consider putting in a sidewalk along their property on M68 to meet the proposed ORV extension at the Traffic light corner of Straits Highway and M68. John is a member of The Cross in the Woods and he will discuss with them the possibility of a sidewalk and see if they have any interest in putting one in. This led to a conversation about revisiting the Pathway project to connect the current pathway all the way out to Cooperation Park.

Kelly brought up that the Brown Trout was one of the major businesses that was NOT interested in having the pathway go through their parking lot. That business is no longer owned by the same people and is for sale. Now might be a good time to revisit the idea of running it along the East Side of Straits Highway. She pointed out that the right of way actually goes through the parking lot of both Vivio's and the Brown Trout (Now the River Rock Grill) Previously there was an issue with landscaping, along the road at the Brown Trout, but it has since been moved. All members discussed the pros and cons of the West Side versus the East Side. John said he felt he would not be adverse to it going along his Star Gate Hotel. Dawn and Kelly discussed pros and cons regarding a East versus West with regard to a cross walk. It was noted that a cross walk near Pat and Gary's crossing over toward Cooperation Park could have advantages for kids and patrons of the park being able to easily cross the highway to get snacks and drinks. Others noted that the school may prefer it to be on the East side since, in the past, many of the kids walking to school lived on the East side. Sheree agreed to contact Superintendent Fred Osborn to see what the school might think of adding an extension out to the park and what input they might have with regard to pathway location, cross walk location and if he was aware of any funding for a project like this. It was discussed that it use to be called Safe Routes to School (that is how we got funding for the current pathway) however the name may have changed or it may have become part of the TAP Grant application process. It was noted that either way the application for funding related to such grants would have to come via the school.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM; Motioned by: Mike Saker Seconded by: Kelly

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree Lincoln

Tuscarora Township D.D.A.

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2015

Checking Account:

Citizens National Bank

Acct. # xxxxxx1656

11/1/2015 Beginning Balance		\$	11,250.61
Debits: (Checks Written, Etc.)			
Describe	\$	-	
Describe	\$	-	
Describe		-	
Describe		-	
Total Debits		-	
Credits: (Deposits, Etc.)			
Describe	\$	-	
Describe		-	
Total Credits		-	
11/30/2015 Ending Balance		\$	11,250.61

IMMA Savings Account:

Citizens National Bank

Acct. # xxxxxx3062

11/1/2015 Beginning Balance		\$	237,360.65
Debits: (Checks Written, Etc.)			
Describe	\$	-	
Describe		-	
Total Debits		-	
Credits: (Deposits, Etc.)			
Describe	\$	-	
11/30/2015 Interest		20.16	
Total Credits		20.16	
11/30/2015 Ending Balance		\$	237,380.81

Checking Account Balance (From Above) \$ 11,250.61

Total D.D.A. Available Funds \$ 248,631.42