

## **DDA Meeting Minutes**

Tuscarora Township Hall.

Date, September 19th, Time 7:00 PM 2016 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dan Nivelte Time: 7:02PM

**ROLL CALL** Dawn Bodnar, Dan Nivelte, Scott Lange, Mike Saker, Mike Ridley, John Breitbarth, Sheree Lincoln, Darren Vizina

Absent: Kelly Ashford

### **AGENDA**

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

Motioned: Bodnar Supported: Ridley - All in Favor

Motion to approve minutes. Motioned Saker Supported: Dawn Bodnar

### **FINANCIALS**

Checking Balance of \$1985.02

3 checks written.

\$304268.33 in money market account. See Bank statements.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. Motioned Ridley, Seconded Breitbarth

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Streetscape Update** – Road Commission (RC) to discuss fixing the North end of town (River St. to Lake St.)

- Brent Shenk. Rejected bids at the last meeting. Would like to ask to add back road to the Streetscape project. Would like to know if we would consider moving the road over 3 feet. Parallel parking would remain. Mike Ridley asked about current pod if that would remain parallel parking.
- Dan Nivelte asked what would happen to road bed if the Right of way will come over 3 feet to west. East side would stay the same.
- John Breithbarth asked how much it would move in front of Drost's for example. Brent Shenk said it would move over 3 feet which should be along the current East edge of the existing sidewalk. Also asked Brent what happened to the discussions with Gordie Frasier regarding the center line. Brent said he had several conversations with them. Trailhead drawings showed 10' so the line moving over was not showing and GF said it was implied.

Brent said the part that was built would not have been correct without the other side being completed. When Brent spoke with GF the engineers maintain that they had hoped the DDA would be able to fund both sides at the same time and

state that the lanes would have then been correct. Most of the DDA members do not remember every being told this by GF. Mike Ridley was going to check the previous minutes.

- John Breitbarth asked if moving the sidewalks and curbs over 2' would be extraordinarily expensive?
- Mike Ridley asked Brent if the RC would consider contributing to completing the West side of the road. Brent said the low bid was \$52,000.
- Dan Nivelt asked Brent if he believes we have enough right of way to move the road over 3 feet.
- Bobby B., co-owner of the building housing Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate at the corner of Lake and Straits Highway, said that the side walk would be a bit wider and be a benefit. Bobby as a property owner they would approve leaving the pod in place.
- John said people were alarmed by a 1 foot shift and a lot would be alarmed by a 3' shift. He inquired if the 3 feet could be split between the East and West side of the street. Example 18" per side or 1' and 2' etc.
- Brent Sherk of the RC noted that Boyne City has 8 to 10' shifts. Dawn Bodnar said Onaway has large lane shift. Brent noted that many communities have them to create traffic calming.
- Brent said they would pay to take out the pod but would like to look at options before making the final decision.
- Dawn asked RC opinion. Brent said they want a safe road moving forward. RC would like to work with other government entities to come of with the best plan of action.
- Mike Saker asked Brent if the RC tear it out who pays for it? Brent Said RC would pay for it.
- Sheree Lincoln asked how we can decide without a bid for cost of moving the entire project over 3 feet? Mike Ridley noted that we would have to move it over along over 3700 feet. A savings on the East side could create a huge cost on the West side.
- Darren Vizina asked if the estimates include removal and repair with a 13' lane.
- Mike Ridley noted that October 2017 is when our USDA loan expires. For the 1.2 million loan. We can file an extension.

- Brent said we have time to discuss further because they do not want to remove the current parking pod and curbs this fall. The RC would probably like to know by February.
- Darren Vizina asked if a shift from River St. to South and possibly split the 3' on each side? Would it be a gradual shift instead of curving back and forth?
- Decision was made for Dan Nivelt to speak with Heather Jamison for clarification on the following items:
  - Breitbarth asked Sally Snyder from the Marina Park Committee for clarification regarding trailhead and reverse angle parking. She said that the Trail Head project never had anything to do with back in angle parking.
  - Dan Nivelt asked what would a 3 foot shift do to the trail head parking lot? Discussed with Sally and noted that we need to evaluate that before we make a decision on what we are going to do. We are tabling further discussion until the next DDA meeting in October.

**Motion** to suspend RFP by Breitbarth. Seconded Mike Saker. All in Favor.

RFP for Bids on New Design – Deadline extended by Mike Ridley, from 9/15/16 to 9/30/16 pending RC and DDA discussion of issues regarding North End repair.

2. Marina Park Sally – Discussed Trail head project over a 4 year period. Agreed to work jointly with DDA. Project went out for bids in 2014 with a request to compete work by Memorial Day of 2015. See attached notes from their meetings for further details.

3. Nominations for Officers. It was agreed by the Township to appoint Diana Mallory to fill the vacant position on the DDA. Further noted this has not been officially voted on by Township Board. Tabled until October meeting.

Nominate Kelly treasurer – Mike Saker, Dawn nominated. Mike Ridley nominated Mike Saker as Vice Chairman. Declined.

John nominated Darren Vizina as Vice Chairman. Mike Saker seconded. All in favor.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- ❖ Cass Cassuci – Can I get a reading on what the DDA is going to do regarding the Streetscape? Dan Nivelte -We have 2 options. A. Remove pod, or B. move 3' to west. Back in angle parking is out.
- ❖ Kathy – the RFP that just went out did not include pavement. So what you are actually doing is being asked to put paving back into this project. Very telling that you are considering it. You can take that low bid of \$52,000 and continue to improve the street with good sidewalks and lighting. McClutchies, Drost's, Studio 27 will be dramatically affected by taking 2' off the front of their building. Gentleman at RC meeting got side swiped at McClutchies. Ludicrous that you are considering it.
- ❖ Janet – Referred to RC meeting about Streetscape and discussions about the streetscape plan. To bring business and to promote the business that are already here. If you shrink some of the parallel parking in front of Studio 27 or McClutchies you may be scaring away customers especially elderly ones. They are not going to go there if they feel they can't get in and out safely.
- ❖ Bobby thinks the DDA made a good decision to table the discussion on how to fix the current parking pod until more information could be gathered.

#### BOARD COMMENT

- ❖ Sheree Lincoln commented that she was not stating for paving or not paving at this point however if we are adding back paving she suggested the board needs to be aware of how that effects the community, moving forward since it, would lock up all of the DDA money up for 20 years. This would not leave any funding for future projects for the next generation. She asked all of the board members to please review the by-laws of the DDA and be considerate of all of the things a DDA can do including multiple family housing etc. Would be nice if the RC would consider stepping up and adding some money toward the paving.

ADJOURN Motioned: Dawn  
Time: 8:13

Supported: Mike Seconded.