

Tuscarora Twp. DDA  
Regular Meeting Township Hall  
12 noon September 20, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Whitener at 12:04

Roll Call

Present: K. Ashford, R. Kristin, B. Pung, C. Poquette, M. Ridley, M. Saker, M. Whitener  
Absent: G. Rotter

Guests: Gina Burke Marina Park, Dawn Bodnar Chamber of Commerce, Mary Jo Dismang ILSD, Scott Swanson Resorter, Larry Renaud, Harry Wierenga F&V, John DeVol F&V

Agenda:

C. Poquette moves to add discussion of new member  
Larry Renaud guest move to beginning of agenda for citizens comments  
Motion to approve agenda Kelly support Dick

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes Cindy support Kelly voice vote

Financials: Kelly explained transfer of funds from savings to cover Fullford Surveying bill and invoice from Kirk & Huth.  
Explained redemption of CD  
Cindy motion to approve treasurers report support Dick Kristen. approved

Invoices:

Tuscarora Twp. to cover postage for notification of Amend & Extend to properties within the DDA district. \$107.52

Straitsland Publishing (2 public notices of a&e) \$303.76  
first two bills Cindy motions Saker support approved

Kirk & Huth 7/7-8/31 contract with F&V \$1062.50  
discussion need to have a cap (not to exceed) on K&H bill  
Cindy suggests we could finish the contract ourselves  
Mike suggests we wait until we hear from K&H then decide  
Motion to pay K&H Dick support Boni approved

Citizen Comment

Larry Renaud

Complimented DDA for work done then addressed his key points of concern:

1. wants to see DDA direct and coordinate all projects as a clearinghouse to organize and prioritize efforts.
2. Suggest that the DDA coordinate and bring in the sewer committee and work together to move forward

3. Walkway from trail to park to school. Take a close look at material used for surface. Concrete will heave (liability) and any hard surface is going to be an attractive nuisance to snowmobilers. Suggests same surface as North Central Trail.

Fleis & VandenBrink:

Harry Wierenga updated historical synopsis of project  
Explained that original project request for engineering fees were covered by Trust Fund App/Grant (15%). Safe Routes was awarded without eng. fees because pathway is in ROW. Stated that \$14,400 was included in SR2S app. Eng. fees were pulled out of grant as unfundable. SR2S, TEA and TF all have own accounting but "it can be managed" if it is all rolled in together. Dedicated eng. of \$105,500 from TF to cover MDOT & TF sections of project. Emphasized the necessity of being careful and managing costs particularly on the SR2S.

Two scenarios:

1. DDA restores the \$14,000 (12.4% eng. fee)
2. DDA restores \$9600 (11.9% eng. fee)

Trust Fund documents are done  
MDOT still needs to have documentation completed.

Cindy asked if original fees (\$105,500) were kept track of could F&V and DDA work out a not to exceed fee to complete the eng. for SR2S.

Mike offers his summary: Always considered the project as the trail to the state park and that the SR2S was separate project funded with "free" money." Three options, 1. DDA votes to come up with a hard number for F&V for eng. fees 2. evaluate savings in the \$131,100 match money (economy of scale, careful mgt., etc.) 3. F&V will absorb the cost into there \$105,500 eng. fee. TF has stated that savings is equilateral; grant fees are saved and so is match money.

Harry sees it as an omnibus (all three aspects as a blended) project.

Mike states that it becomes black and white: we either vote to fund F&V or ask F&V to absorb cost. The third option is nebulous because complications of rolling projects together into a package that was written and granted as Trust Fund and MDOT TEA money then adding another component then everything being used to fund something outside the scope of that grant award.

Cindy moves that DDA pays F&V based on hourly wages over and above TF and MDOT money for SR2S a sum not to exceed \$9600. and to be itemized. Dick supports.

Discussion:

Mike states that we (DDA) need to have a discussion among ourselves. Cindy suggests we roll SR2S into existing contract with F&V. Mike suggests a special meeting. Are we able to pay from the grant monies on last minute addition to the project? Suggests caution.

Mary Jo explained that it was her understanding that the project never needed money from the school.

Mike and Mary Jo did discuss maintenance issue and school has agreed in principle that school will participate.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cindy, Dick, Kelly

Nays: Mike S, Mike R Boni, Matt

Motion fails

Kelly states that since last meeting SR2S grant was awarded and contract needs to reflect that project begins at North Central Trail and ends at Elementary school.

John comments that he believes it is either one contract or two contracts and Kelly believes that two contracts rather than one is going to cost a lot more in the long run.

Mike commented that he would gather as much info as possible from MDOT (Dave Langhorst) and the Trust Fund (Linda Hegstrom).

Expressed caution on how we proceed.

Lighting

Boni Pung selected a couple of dark sky fixtures both LED and induction Informational. Initially manufacturer wanted to run product through other (outside of Indian River) stores so they would make money on project so Boni has stated that manufacturer will sell directly to twp. and she doesn't need to make money on project.

DDA Nominee

Cindy suggested Pat or Gary Lange. Mike suggested perhaps Scott Lange. Mentioned we do have Dan Nivelt as a nominee

Citizen Comments

Kelly asks that Mike get info together and dispersed asap.

Gina Burke has concerns about maintenance and policing of pathway project. ORV's? Ice? Mike comments that we have discussed these issues several times Kelly reiterates that we have discussed several safety scenarios. Speed issues down hill.

Motion to Adjourn Mike Saker Support Mike Ridley