

Tuscarora Township DDA Meeting

8.17.15

Called to order at 7:01pm. By: Chairman D. Nivelt

Roll Call

Present: D. Nivelt, M. Saker, D. Bodnar, B. Lindgren, M. Ridley, J. Breitbarth

Absent: S. Lincoln, K. Ashford, S. Lange

Agenda

Agenda Approval w/changes:

- Remove "Finanical" heading under roll call
- Change date from "3.16.2015" to 7.20.2015
- Add *Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference* to "New Business"

Motioned: M. Ridley

Supported: B. Lindgren

All Support

Minutes

7.20.15 Minutes Approval with addition:

- Under "Public Comment", add italicized section to the last part of Cass Casucci's statement:

Cass also commented that he felt that many of the businesses on the East side of Straits Highway *"are losing business because of the streetscape plans. Of the 6 businesses, four are for sale and one will be offered for sale soon"*

Motioned: M. Saker

Supported: J. Breitbarth

All Support

Financials

No financial report provided by S. Lange this month

Old Business

Update on Streetscape~ D. Nivelt

- Updates to the Streetscape Plan are done and ready to present for the grant
- Consumers Energy funds need to be earmarked in our account
- Carl Pollard expressed concern to a few DDA Board members in previous weeks, regarding parking in front of his business. D. Nivelt states that Carl will not lose the 4 parking places in his lot and the difference in curb measurements will only be a difference of 6 feet, depending on if there is parallel parking or reverse angle parking there.
- M. Saker inquired if we should widen future reverse angle parking spaces a little bit to make them more user friendly
- B. Lindgren asked D. Nivelt to ask Brian Boals (Gordie Frasier) to provide us with larger prints of the current streetscape plans. M. Ridley suggests that they provide prints of each block in a 11 x 17 format.
- D. Nivelt reports that Jim Purtill has brick pavers available to fill a small area near the Chamber that has no irrigation and is just dirt. Dan will contact North Star Gardens for a bid to lay these and will report back to the board

New Business

PATHWAY PROJECT

The Trust Fund requires that we display the plaque somewhere along the trail. We will look into finding an aesthetically looking large stone to mount it on and place it near the State Park

D. Nivelt reports that we have a bench that will be installed on the hill near the school. Jim Purtill will install it when he has the cement ready.

Welcome Signs

There are four Welcome Signs on the Township's border. They all need to be reconditioned. The cost for each is \$1,550. The Tourist Bureau has agreed to pay for one sign. Cindy Fisher has indicated to J. Breitbarth, that the Womens' Club will pay for one. The DDA is being asked to fund one. M. Saker made a motion to approve this expense; M. Ridley supported. All in favor

Reverse Angle Parking Cards

M. Ridley states that the Tuscarora Township Police Department would rather not write tickets to motorists for parking incorrectly in front of the Chamber, at this time. The reverse angle parking is catching on, largely due to the signage and painted "Reverse Angle" in each of the spots. Chief Temple suggests that we have small cards printed up for the PD, informing improperly parked motorists, that those parking spots are reverse angle w/ instructions on the back. M. Ridley received a quote from Decka Digital for 500 cards/\$75. Discussion ensued with J. Breitbarth saying that this would be premature. M. Saker stated that we would have them for future use, if we didn't use them all up, right away. M. Ridley will seek quotes from local businesses.

M. Saker motioned to purchase cards for \$75 or less

D. Bodnar supported

All in favor, with the exception of J. Breitbarth

Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference

S. Lincoln sent an email to the board offering to attend the CEC Conference on Oct. 7th and 8th (in Houghton-Hancock), again this year on behalf of the Tuscarora Township DDA. The cost of the conference is \$85, plus lodging expenses.

B. Lindgren motioned to approve \$300 for the conference

M. Ridley supported

All in favor

Public Comment

Cass Casucci, would like to know when the Streetscape is planned to constructed. D. Nivelt responded that the project hinges on whether or not we are able to obtain the grant. Cass also inquired if the curb cuts on his property would be eliminated. He stated that he has an interested buyer that would like to know. D. Nivelt responded that he would still have a curb cut, but was unsure as to the width

Richard Lincoln noted that the reverse angle parking in front of the Chamber seems to be improving; more cars have been parked correctly in the past few weeks

Nancy would like to know why we don't remove the power poles from Main Street and sited that many other towns of the same size have eliminated them and have flowers suspended from the streetlights. This is very attractive and makes the town appear more welcoming. D. Nivelt agreed and responded that we would love to do this, however we don't have \$1,000,000 to cover the cost.

Adjourn

Motion at 7:48pm by M. Saker Supported by D. Bodnar All in favor

Next Meeting: September 21, 2015

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Bodnar (8.18.15)

Tuscarora Township D.D.A.

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2015

Checking Account:

Citizens National Bank

Acct. # xxxxxx1656

7/1/2015 Beginning Balance	\$	82,223.19
Debits: (Checks Written, Etc.)		
Check #1079 - Tusc. Township Exp. Reimb.; 6/18/2015	\$	212.22
Check #1080 - Richie's Construction; 7/21/2015	\$	3,200.00
Describe	-	
Describe	-	
Total Debits		(3,412.22)
Credits: (Deposits, Etc.)		
Describe	\$	-
Describe	-	
Total Credits		-
7/31/2015 Ending Balance	\$	78,810.97

IMMA Savings Account:

Citizens National Bank

Acct. # xxxxxx3062

7/1/2015 Beginning Balance	\$	267,272.05
Debits: (Checks Written, Etc.)		
Describe	\$	-
Describe	-	
Total Debits		-
Credits: (Deposits, Etc.)		
Describe	\$	-
7/31/2015 Interest	22.70	
Total Credits		22.70
7/31/2015 Ending Balance	\$	267,294.75

Checking Account Balance (From Above) \$ 78,810.97

Total D.D.A. Available Funds \$ 346,105.72