

Call to order by Chairman Dan Nivelt at 7:06 pm

Roll call:

Present: Dan Nivelt, Dawn Bodnar, Mike Saker, Mike Ridley, John Breitbarth & Darren Vizina (arrived 7:10pm)

Absent: Sheree Lincoln, Diana Mallory & Kelly Ashford

Approval of today's Agenda: Dan Nivelt edited tonight's agenda to add under "New Business" Commerce Park Sign. Two letters concerning the proposed Business Loop were noted; one received from Carl Muscott and one from Darryl Pfister.

Motion to approve was made by Mike Saker, supported by Dawn Bodnar, all in favor.

Approval of the March 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Mike Ridley and supported by John Breitbarth, all in favor.

Financials for March 2017: Dawn Bodnar reported balances for the DDA accounts. \$24.53 was paid in interest. A \$5,250.27 check was written to CCRC.

Motion to approve made by Mike Saker and supported by Mike Ridley, all in favor.

IMMA savings account 3/31/2017 ending balance is \$282,440.47

Checking account 3/31/2017 ending balance is \$7,343.62

Total D.D.A. available funds equal \$289,784.09

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Pathway/Streetscape Projects:

- Dan Nivelt and Mike Ridley spoke with Fleis and Vandenbrink, regarding the attorney general invoice that was paid by the CCRC for \$5250.27. Our next move is to decide if we are going to hire an attorney to fight this charge. F & V are surprised that we received this invoice.
- Mike R stated that this may just be the cost of doing business, as retaining a lawyer will exceed the \$5,250 we reimbursed to the CCRC.

- John B suggested that we contact the Attorney General and ask them to reimburse the charges; if that doesn't work, we should contact our State Representative.

Motion: Mike R to contact Attorney General about this matter

Motion made by Mike S and supported by Mike R, all in favor.

- Streetscape RFP (attached) approved with noted changes

Motion by Dawn B and supported by Darren V for Mike R to send RFP out to list of contractors; all in

Favor

- Business Loop-Requires \$10,000 investment by the Township for the cost of signs
 - ❖ Would the roadway remain a County Rd, which will allow ATV traffic on the shoulder?
 - ❖ Would we still be allowed to close down the roadway for events (parades, Summerfest Xmas in Ir, etc)?
 - ❖ Is there concern that Business Loop will not include the majority of DDA businesses?
 - ❖ Heavier southbound Truck traffic is a concern
 - ❖ Concern that Business Loops are typically not pedestrian friendly
 - ❖ Will there be weight restrictions imposed?
 - ❖ Mike S suggests doing the streetscape first, as to not have any restrictions placed on the plan, due to a Business Loop designation
 - ❖ Letter received from Darryl Pfister is not in support of Business Loop idea
 - ❖ Letter received from Carl Muscott is in favor

Dan Nivelt asks to table discussion, until we have answers to above concerns.

Dan Nivelt to talk to CRCC about lowering speed limit to 25 mph through part of DDA district.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commerce Park Sign- Cost \$6,250

- NEMCOG has a grant available to help fund sign (needed to participate in the 425 program) at Commerce Park
- The grant would pay \$5,000 of the cost, with the DDA to match with no more than \$1,250 (25% match)
- The grant must be submitted by May 1st, 2017
- Mike R to ask Tuscarora Twp to share in the cost of the match

Motion: Mike Ridley to submit grant application to NEMCOG for assistance in covering the cost of the Commerce Park sign (minus 25% match paid by the DDA; not to exceed \$1,250) by the posted deadline of May 1st, 2017.

Motion made by Darren V and supported by Dawn B; all in favor.

Public Comment: None

DDA Board Comments: None

Motion to adjourn: Mike Ridley **motioned** to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. and Mike Saker seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: *****Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 7:00pm*****

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Bodnar