

Call to order by Chairman Dan Nivelt at 7:01 pm

Roll call:

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

Absent: Sheree Lincoln, Diana Mallory & Darren Vizina

Approval of today's Agenda: Dan Nivelt edited tonight's agenda to add under "New Business" Budget, Sheree Lincoln replacement, Business Loop, Speed Limit and Commerce Park Sign

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

Approval of the April 2017 Minutes

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

Financials for March 2017: Dawn Bodnar reported balances for the DDA accounts. \$21.67 was paid in interest.

On May 2nd, 2017, DDA received annual Tax Settlement from the County in the amount of \$75,058.42 (to be deposited into Money Market Account) *2016 contribution was \$73,280.33*

IMMA savings account 4/30/2017 ending balance is \$282,462.14

Checking account 4/30/2017 ending balance is \$7,343.62

Total D.D.A. available funds equal \$289,805.76

Motion to approve made by John Breitbarth and supported by Kelly Ashford, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Pathway/Streetscape Projects:

- Mike Ridley reported that we have received 2 responses, to date, for our RFP: Gosling Czuek (sp?) and Northwest Builders Exchange

NEW BUSINESS:

- Artisan Market / Chamber of Commerce
 - ❖ Richard Lincoln (Brasswinds Landing) and Debbie Willey (IRCC) presented a plan for a Summer Artisan Market for downtown IR this summer
 - ❖ To include Farmers Market, Artist and Crafter booths and Food Vendors, Music (Wednesday evenings)
 - ❖ To be located on the Lumbar Yard property (permission already granted from property owner)
 - ❖ Wednesdays and Saturdays from the beginning of June through end of October
 - ❖ Request to the DDA for funding the proposed 2017 operating budget of \$1,600 (Music: \$200, Advertising: \$260, Signage: \$540)

*Mike Ridley made a **motion** to financially support this event(s) in the amount of \$1,600, continent on Insurance costs and concerns (Debbie to look into this). Kelly Ashford supported motion. All in favor*

- Speed Limit (lower to 25 mph through downtown)
 - ❖ Brent (CCRC) will consider this proposal at the end of July, when current projects are expected to be finished
 - ❖ 25 mph from IR Bridge (River St) to stoplight

*Mike Saker **motioned** for the DDA to approach Tuscarora Township for support on lowering the Speed limit from River St to stoplight to 25 mph. Kelly Ashford supported. All in favor*

- Sheree Lincoln Replacement
 - ❖ Sheree recently resigned from the DDA
 - ❖ Diane Friedreichsen is interested in filling position
 - ❖ She is a business owner and owns a commercial property in the DDA Business District

*Mike Ridley made a **motion** to present to the Tuscarora Township board for approval, the appointment of Diane Friedreichsen to the DDA board. Supported by Mike Saker. All in favor*

- Business Loop-Requires \$10,000 investment by the Township for the cost of signs
 - ❖ Need answers to previously stated questions before making a determination on this matter

- ❖ Mike Saker suggests doing the streetscape first, as to not have any restrictions placed on the plan, due to a Business Loop designation
 - ❖ John Brietbarth suggests that we move forward on this and not put it off for an indefinite amount of time
 - ❖ Dan Nivelt asks to table discussion, until we have answers to above concerns.
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- Budget
 - ❖ Dawn Bodnar to meet with Bobbi and Sue next week to set next year's budget
 - 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
 - ❖ Tuscarora Twp has agreed to share in the cost of the match (up to \$625)

Public Comment: Carl Muscott expressed appreciation to Richard and Debbie for their presentation

DDA Board Comments: Kelly Ashford expressed concern over the disrepair of current street signs in the downtown area. She will make a list of locations and bring to next meeting. We have a budget line for these repairs/replacements

Motion to adjourn: Dawn Bodnar **motioned** to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. and Kelly Ashford seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: *****Monday, June 19th, 2017 at 7:00pm*****

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Bodnar