

DDA Special Meeting Minutes July 6th, 2016

Called to Order at: 6:13 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Dan Nivelt, Mike Saker, Mike Ridley, Sheree Lincoln, John Breitbarth,

Absent: Kelly Ashford, Scott Lange, Darren Vizina, Dawn Bodnar

Approve Agenda. Motioned: Mike Ridley Supported: Mike Saker All in Favor - Aye

Approve Minutes from last regular meeting will be at next regular meeting along with special meeting.

Financials

Financials were not presented since this was a special meeting.

Old Business

Streetscape Update - Dan Nivelt and Mike Ridley.

Discussed that we should request a letter from Road Commission (RC) to confirm that the RC will allow us to have parallel parking on Straits Highway. Board members acknowledged that they felt RC should be taking care what will happen with the reverse angle parking pod in front of the Chamber of Commerce.

John Breitbarth discussed Streetscape design and what the bump outs might look out with a new design. Size, Height of curb etc.

Sheree Lincoln asked if it might be possible to purchase a set of editable plans from Gordie Frasier (GF). Dan N. Ad Mike S. Said this was probably not possible and that it possibly stated that right in the contract with them.

John Breitbarth asked about the potential for the possibility of a bike path in the re-design for Streetscape.

Discussion about how DDA should proceed with regard to the quote from GF for the re-design of the Streetscape. See attached quote for \$11000+ dollars. It was decided that without further discussion and information from the RC, we could not move forward to accept the RF Bid, and that we could not put out an RFP for further quotes. Discussed

the need to have a meeting with the RC. The RC could be provided with a list of questions to be discussed and reviewed so that they would have time to provide answers at a future DDA meeting.

Their were six main questions for the R

1. New Streetscape plans. Should the DDA request that the quote from GF be divided into two quotes? A. The re-design for the Streetscape in general and B. Separate it the portion for the redesign of the existing reverse angle pod in front of the Chamber of Commerce. (Having it divided would help put a value on the cost to fix that section)
2. Litigation?
3. Clarity regarding the West Side of street
4. Bump Out size, inclusion etc as well as RC thoughts on plowing bump out areas with pick up trucks?
5. Should the bid be separated into two sections. A. The new design without reverse angle parking and B. Bid for redesigning the current reverse angle pod and its reconstruction.
6. Request something in writing from the RC that states they would be willing to allow parallel parking on Straits Highway.

Other old business. DDA needs to pick out a different rock for the Memorial for DNR at Burt Lake State Park entrance. Ask that all DDA members go and take a look at the rocks on the farm so we can vote on which one to use for the memorial.

Sheree Lincoln to get in touch with Diana Mallory to see if she has a Word Document for DDA contacts that show each persons appointment dates or ending date of their appointments.

New Business

Dan Nivelt and Mike Saker's positions on DDA are up this year. They both expressed a willingness to be recommended to the Township Board for re-appointment for two more years.

Public Comment

Cass Cassuci ask does the DDA know what you want the engineers to designs? Do you want to back to parallel? What other design is there? Will bump outs be eliminated? Also asked about snowplowing. (Cass missed part of the earlier portion of the meeting so some of the information discussed was shared with him in response to his questions.). He was also concerned about the curb cuts on his property. He asked if it was the DDA's goal to maximize parking or will we still be eliminating parking?

Dan Nivelt reported that the RC wants to eliminate curb cuts because of the confusion it can cause when people exit from 2 locations on the same property at the same time. Sheree Lincoln suggested that now was a good time for Cass to request a walkabout with the RC to review his property as it really is up to them and not the DDA. Discussion before new plans are designed would help avoid further litigation over the curb cuts.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm. Motioned by Mike Ridley Seconded by Mike S.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sheree Lincoln