

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes: Monthly Meeting 11-16-20

Roll Call: 7:01 pm

- Present: M. Ridley; D. Mallory; K. Olsen; D. Friedriechnsen; D. Driskill; D. Bodnar; D. Nivelt
- Absent: M. Saker; D. Yaczik

Approval of Current Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

- Motion was made by D. Friedriechnsen; seconded by D. Mallory to approve meeting agenda All in favor.
- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 2020 was made by D. Mallory and Seconded by K. Olsen with one correction: All in favor.
 - 1) Correction of the date of the next regular DDA Meeting to 11/16/2020.

Financials for October 2020: Presented by M. Ridley

- Municipal Money Market..... Balance \$462,294.43
- Township Account /DDA..... Balance \$370,862.68

Bills due: \$14,525.00 to OHM

Motion to table this payment was presented by D. Friedriechnsen; seconded by M. Ridley. All in favor. Mike will get the budget numbers together to be sure we are within that budget and contractual agreement before paying this invoice.

New Business:

1. Bobbi Balazovic and Dolly Rodriguez will be added as signors to the account at CNB. D. Mallory made this motion and K. Olsen supported, All in Favor.

Unfinished Business:

- Pedestrian Safety Project Progress:
 1. The project was reviewed and discussed by Mike Ridley and the board.
 2. The cement work will be completed 11/17/2020
 3. Paving will be done in the Spring of 2021
 4. Due to this delay it is not the fault of the DDA; Consumers and Charter caused the delay because of more boring and removing of poles, and CCRC decided that in the best interest of this project and to protect the integrity of the pavement that this phase would be best completed in the Spring of 2021.

5. Temporary Stop Signs will be put up and the permanent signs will be installed in the Spring of 2021.

- **Discussion of Boring Costs:**

1. Mike will get an updated budget spreadsheet to keep record of hours worked to keep the estimate/cost of paving as given to us by Elmer's.
2. Concern of the price going up in the Spring of 2021.
3. Ben and/or Scott will be invited to the next scheduled DDA Meeting.
4. The goal is to complete this project and start prioritizing future projects for the Business District.

- **Finders Keepers Sign Issue:**

1. Much Discussion
2. The DDA will purchase 2 appropriately sized 4x4x16 signposts to replace the current rotted ones to erect her sign to a cost limit of \$100. D. Friedrichsen made this motion and D. Bodnar supported. D. Nivelt and M. Ridley were opposed. The rest of the DDA Board was in favor.

- **Indian River Christmas:**

1. D. Bodnar informed us that this has been cancelled due to Covid-19.
2. There will be a "Virtual Tree Lighting"
3. The \$500 Prize for the "Best" Decorated Business is still up for grabs.
4. D. Bodar asked the DDA if the addition \$500 support money could be used to lend letters and a small gift to the children who leave letters for Santa in his mailbox.
5. The Motion to make this change in the allocation of support money was made by D. Friedrichsen, and seconded by D. Mallory, All in Favor.

Public Comment:

1. Janet Vance advised that an REU Audit was ordered.
2. Bob Kramer thanked the DDA for following through with this Project and being the most significant change since 1952.
3. Bob also advised that his family would be interested in making a donation of a culturally appropriate sculpture for the corner of 68 and 27 when that future project is addressed.
4. Bob also said that Tom Moran is trying to sell the Sturgeon sculpture if we knew of anyone interested.
5. Bob also advised that he will apply for the \$100 Grant from Straits Area Community Foundation to go towards a future project in the DDA District.
6. Scott Swanson commented on a future project of connecting the pathway towards the Shrine to encourage pedestrians to walk and patronize the DDA Business District.

DDA Board Comment:

1. We all thanked the public for attending and for their kind words. D. Driscoll mentioned wanting to finish the Pedestrian Pathway up to the Cooperation Park. D. Nivelt expressed concern for the winter season coming and snowmobilers using the bridge and pathway, and really would like it policed by the DNR like in the UP. Since they have done it in the UP, there has been little or no issues.

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm by D. Driscoll; seconded by D. Bodnar. All in favor.

Next Regular Meeting: December 21, 2020, 7p Township Hall