

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monthly Meeting Minutes: July 17, 2023

**Roll Call: 7:00 pm**

- Present: D. Friedreichsen; D. Nivelt; S. Fisher; K. Olsen; M. Whitener; D. Bodnar; B. Kramer
- Absent: D. Mallory

**Approval of Current Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion was made by D. Nivelt; seconded by K. Olsen to approve the current agenda. All in favor.
- Motion was made to approve the June meeting minutes with no revisions by S. Fisher; seconded by D. Friedreichsen. All in favor.

**Financials for June 2023:**

- Financial Report:
  - 1) \$216,588.20 in account on June 30, 2023
  - 2) \$255.50 invoice for Summer Music Series posters to be paid to Straits Area Printing. Motion was made by D. Nivelt; seconded by D. Friedreichsen to pay. All in favor.
  - 3) Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by D. Friedreichsen; seconded by D. Nivelt. All in favor.

**New Business:**

- Application from Tyler Goral for DDA appointment has been rescinded. D. Mallory resigned as of 6/17/23 via email. Two positions are now open for the DDA Board ((1) one year appointment and (1) three year appointment. B. Kramer will advertise accordingly.
- Repair of River Street. Motion was made by D. Nivelt; seconded by S. Fisher to table discussion until next month. B. Kramer to pursue additional information for next months meeting.
- Township Downtown Parking lot. B. Kramer was seeking a recommendation by the DDA Board for parking from Martha Street through the GLOW property. K. Olsen indicated that GLOW had never discussed the sale of that piece of property. D. Friedreichsen and S. Fisher indicated that Drost and Monte Black has expressed interest in purchasing the property behind their perspective businesses. B. Kramer indicated that the purchase agreements had expired. Motion was made by D. Nivelt; seconded by S. Fisher to discuss at next meeting. Confirmation with C. Waldron and M. Black as to their interest will be reported at that time.
- Boat Dock Signs. B. Kramer shared his interest in enlarging signage at Marina Park. Agreement from the Board with the 48" x 48" sign being the most desirable.
- Banner for Top O' Michigan Outdoor Racing Club. B. Kramer indicated that a resolution had already been made to the request and would be communicated back to S. Fairbairn.

**Old Business:**

- Fish Sculpture: No update on well. Received bid from Jeff at Northstar for landscape requiring minimal water of \$2,872.32 which included watering for two weeks but no irrigation.
- Electric Hookups: Three bids have been received. Previous bid for Pollards; \$950. for the 310 business property; \$2,931.98 for Drost. Consumers has not sent their bids.
- Music Series: The move to Northland Brewery has been successful as seen by expanded numbers of attendees. M. Whitener presented a check for \$596.00 to the DDA for profit sharing for three of the events. It was agreed that a meeting will be held in early January 2024 as a collaboration for businesses and organizations to discuss event plans for the upcoming year. DDA to organize.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: Reported as a success with the exception of an injury to a child. Good turnout.

**Public Comment:**

Gregg Siebert presented comment regarding the proposed plans for River Street. Issued complaints that residents and businesses along that street had not been notified of meetings and given opportunity for input.

**DDA Meeting of July 17, 2023 was not posted on township door as has been the required practice.**

D. Webb spoke to the intent of the Women's Club and BLPOA to become involved in the landscaping project at the Sturgeon. Funding through their organization is available. D. Webb has contacted the MSU Master Gardening program for possible design services.

Pat McGinnis presented information regarding township actions.

**DDA Board Comment:**

No comments

Motion to adjourn at 8:22p by D. Nivelt; seconded by S. Fisher. All in favor.

Next Regular Meeting: August 21, 2023 at the Township Hall 7p