

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

March 19, 2019 – 7:30am

Members Present: Tom Zuniga, Jeremy Borgman, Rence Meredith, Josh Thurkettle, Bob Chapin, Bern Scholma, Ross Stevens, Adam Elenbaas, David Vanderwall, Steve Spriensma

Absent: Mark Alderink, Pierce Roon

Guests: Kristin Corner, Matt Levendowski, Tim VanBennekom, David VanGinhoven, Larry Haveman, Marcia Hoekstra

Agenda

Opportunity for public comment: none received.

Approve minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting and January 22, 2019 discussion notes. Motion by Chapin to approve, supported by Thurkettle, motion carries.

Parks and recreation funding request. Request for funding for a fitness court and remodel of the north section of the existing township park. Plan presented by Marcia Hoekstra & Matt Levendowski. Updates to include additional parking, pickle ball courts, a basketball court, tennis courts, and other improvements. Potential plan presented is anticipated to cost between \$480,000 - \$490,000. Parks & recreation board has applied for an assistance grant of \$30,000 and seeks to have park improvements underway in 2019. Motion made by Chapin: To approve the funding of the fitness court and park improvement plan of \$350,000 over the next 2 years contingent on county & road commission approval. Support by Meredith. Roll call vote by the DDA board results: 9 members yes. Thurkettle no. Motion carries. Members voiced concern that future maintenance & care of the project must be a priority.

Election of Officers: Officers as follows: Chair – Jeremy Borgman, Vice-chair – Adam Elembaas, Treasurer – David Vanderwall, Secretary – Steve Spriensma. Motion by Thurkettle: Keep all of the existing officers in place. Support by Chapin. Motion carries.

2019 Meeting Dates: proposed to take place every other month on the third Tuesday at 7:30AM. Motion by Thurkettle to accept proposed dates. Support by Meredith. Motion carries.

Report Summary from DDA Study committee was presented by David VanGinhoven. Focused on looking forward, examination of Act 57. Goal is to ensure compliance to state regulation for DDA Boards & continue efforts to maintain transparency for any upcoming plans.

Road Resurfacing Projects were discussed briefly for upcoming 2019 projects as well as future projects to be targeted in the next 5 years. Resurfacing will be focused on repairing roads with

the lowest rating (worst condition) as quickly as possible. Members also received a copy of project estimates from the Ottawa County Road Commission.

Transition to Electronic Agenda. All members attending confirmed receipt of DDA Agenda and supplements electronically through email prior to the meeting. This has been demonstrated to be the most efficient and cost-effective means to provide the information and will continue.

Opportunity for public comment, none received. Next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2019 at 7:30am.

Motion to adjourn at 9AM, meeting adjourned.