

DDA Meeting Minutes  
Byron Municipal Building  
August 6, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Vandemark, Dickinson (came in at 7:20) , Murphy-Alderman, Murphy, Bowers, Miller, Ayotte, Rauch and Brunell. Also, in attendance was Marsha Reed (Clerk), H. Miller, Prestonise and Attorney John Gormley.

Agenda Approval: Brunell motioned to approve amended agenda with Street Line Stripping under number 12, Murphy-Alderman seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes; Carried.

Minutes Review: Murphy-Alderman motioned to approve minutes from July meeting, Murphy seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes; Carried.

Communications: None

Financial Status: Vandemark reported DDA starting balance of \$18335.47. On Family Fun Day: Bubble Ball \$218.00. Entertainment Tent netted \$900.18 Profit. \$80.00 for Harris, \$95.00 Fencing (Vandemark), \$14.31 Sign, \$22.25 Tee Shirts, and 69.96 for Coleman. Murphy-Alderman motioned reimburse individuals and to accept report pending audit, Bowers seconded. Roll Call: All Ayes; Carried.

Way Finding Signs Update: Murphy-Alderman introduced the sign designs created by Jamie W. and Chris J. Both students passed around drawings and explained how they came up with the designs. All the wayfinding signs would coordinate and they wanted to stay away from the eagle because it is not about the school and wanted to keep it more about the town. Next step is to show to Josh Russell. Brunell will check on sign ordinance. Vandemark wants to keep signs as 2 separate items and mentioned that Flamingo Kid does working. Brunell will check on code for sign posts. Miller asked about removing old signs. Gormley said you can only use TIF inside district and sign post by road have to be break away style. Vandemark said donations could be used outside district and asked who to contact when TIF starts. Gormley said the County Treasurer. Vandemark said we need to contact owners about Red Mill.

Canoe Launch Update-Agreement with school; Update on Grant Funds: Murphy-Alderman said the School Attorney agrees that the paragraph in the contract needs to be changed to a 20 year lease for \$1.00. The school will mow up to launch and the DDA will take care of the launch area. Gormley said that they need a budget approval from the Council and Brunell said it would be put on Monday's meeting agenda. Gormley said once the amendment is approved you can call a special meeting for spending. Vandemark said permit is paid for and he explained the canoe budget. Signs must have WIN symbol on them because of the grant money. Gormley suggested taking out KIND items and add lease fee of \$1.00 for 20 years. If you can clean it up Reed will have it for Monday. Motion by Murphy-Alderman to amend the DDA Budget with the amount of \$6,445.00; Miller seconded. Roll call: All Ayes-passed.

Discuss Survey options for Low-Mod Income Status request: Vandemark said he wants to talk to Paula about the survey and how to go about it. Brunell said it is going to take some time to set it in motion. Gormley said they are taking money out of MEDC to repair roads and not enough money for economic development. Vandemark said we need list on who lives in Village. Gormley explained it and said it can

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be down. Brunell said we have 200-320 residents/households. Vandemark said we could get handouts so we can move forward.

Friends of Shiawassee River Clean-up Day August 23, 2015: Vandemark said the last time he talked to Dickinson, the dates would be either the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for small boats and chain saws. If anyone knows anyone who would help, please inform them. Dickinson got really involved and really likes it. Richardson crew was lined up by Murphy-Alderman.

Entertainment Tent-Recap of event and fundraising figures: Vandemark said entertainment tent a lot of work. We had 85 people this year versus last year's 200. Miller said we had it at a different time and gained some class reunion people. Vandemark said golf course called and said how much it cost them to do it. Vandemark would like to find another location. Car shows discussed and Brunell said tie it in with ours. Vandemark said we could tie it in with a barbeque. We need to start earlier if we want to do it.

Bubble Ball Recap: Vandemark said Bubble Ball is easy money. Gormley asked how well it went over and Vandemark explained how it worked and that he would like to do a tournament. Reed said adding a concession could be a good thing. Murphy-Alderman said marathons big thing and maybe we could do one. Themed events are a good thing. Vandemark said Prestonise mentioned to the Baron's and see if they will come on board with us for winter event.

Community Breakfast, September 19, 2015 (fall fest/car show) and any other fundraising ideas: Vandemark asked how much was made at first breakfast and Reed said \$354.00. Vandemark said next breakfast on September 19<sup>th</sup> and is the same day as the car show. Vandemark asked if any other fund raising ideas. Miller said we need volunteers from 8 am-11 am.

Street Stripping: Vandemark said Dickinson suggested a cross walk. Brunell said the bid is from the company that normally does the job and it is pretty much in DDA's zone. She also said that she talked to the code enforcement officer about Hansen's drive and stones could work. Miller said a cross walk sign was donated by the 190<sup>th</sup> and given to Chief Sampey. Brunell asked Miller and Prestonise when the last stripping was done. Prestonise said when K. Ayotte quit. Brunell said 2009-2010. Gormley said Village can still spend even though DDA area. H. Miller explained what another did and the DDA hired someone to paint what needed to be painted. Prestonise asked if Village had a machine. Brunell said Granger said it was not functioning and disposed of it. The estimate will be presented at council meeting. Vandemark asked when do we start to contribute and Miller and Bowers said these are the things we should do. Brunell said we need handicap spots. Gormley said there are rules about handicap spots. Murphy-Alderman said I think we should share it. Bowers asked how much a machine would cost and Gormley said the paint is special and costly. Murphy-Alderman and Miller said all for lines and sharing cost.

Any Other Business: None

Public and Board Member Comments: Vandemark explained CD idea and said he was still looking into it. Murphy-Alderman said school starting later because of Labor Day. Monday football practice starts and the others are later. We also have a new athletic director. Elementary school vandalized with red paint on dome and back of building and we know who it is. The cost to fix it is \$15-20 thousand and filing an insurance claim. We are prosecuting to the full extent. Tuesday same thing happened on roof just no paint. Dickinson said clean up on the 30<sup>th</sup> and will contact papers.

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Meeting adjournment: At 7:40 pm Brunell motioned for adjournment and Miller seconded. All Ayes-passed.



Marsha Reed

8/6/15

Date



Rob Vandemark