

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
January 16, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Bowers, Dickinson, Miller, Bailey and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Baker-Murph and Prestonise. Baker-Murph arrived at 6:08pm (after roll call). Total 6 members were present (after late arrivals), with 1 absent and 2 vacant seats. Also present, Attorney Chris Johnson of Gormley Law.

Agenda Approval: Bowers motioned to approve agenda for 1/16/2020. Seconded by Dickinson. Voice Vote. Ayes:Bailey, Bowers, Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Miller motioned to approve minutes of 12/19/19 meeting. Seconded by Dickinson. Attorney Johnson presented changes for the 12/19/19 minutes. Miller motioned to amend the 12/19/19 minutes. Seconded by Dickinson. Roll call vote. Ayes:Bailey, Bowers, Baker-Murph, Dickinson, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: Vandemark stated Village Council approved Bowers for another term on the DDA. Attorney Johnson suggested doing a Casino Trip as a fundraiser, members discussed.

Financial Status: Miller reported balance as of 12/31/19 as \$29,123.12 per bank statement and Village financial records. One bill was presented for payment: 1) \$5.25 to the Village for clerk and treasurer wages for December. Miller said balance is so low because we had a \$75 credit on our account and this was the remaining amount owed. Dickinson motioned to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Baker- Murph. Roll Call Vote. Ayes-Dickinson, Bowers, Baker-Murph, Bailey, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent & 2 open seats. Motion Passed.

Dickinson motioned to accept financial report pending audit. Seconded by Bowers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bailey, Bowers, Baker-Murph, Miller, Dickinson and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent & 2 open seats. Motion Passed.

Semi-Annual Meeting: Miller read the Semi-Annual meeting report. Members discussed changes to be made before posting the report on the Village website and DDA facebook page.

Election of officers for 2020/2021 and pick meeting dates for upcoming year: Bowers motioned for current officers to remain officers for 2020/2021. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bailey, Bowers, Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent & 2 open seats. Motion passed.

Miller motioned for the 3rd Thursday of every month for the upcoming fiscal year. Seconded by Dickinson. Voice vote. Ayes: Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Bailey, Bowers, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Miller stated that she will set up a calendar reminder for all DDA members.

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DDA Development Plan update: Vandemark said the Village Council approved the 2020-2021 budget. Discussed other trash receptacle options. Vandemark passed around a picture of the crosswalk lines in Owosso as an example of what he is wanting for Byron. Vandemark plans on calling the same company that will be painting the lines for the Village and asking if crosswalk lines could be done at the same time.

Bowers suggested having kids at the school make the flower pots instead of purchasing new ones. She said the community may want to get involved if we posted what we want to do on Facebook. Miller stated that the Chamber of Commerce already does some flower arrangements around town and that the DDA should just focus on the trash receptacles, not flower pots. Miller and Vandemark said in previous attempts, they have struggled to find people at the school or in the community to get involved.

Vandemark and Attorney Johnson discussed what would need to be done with the Development Plan to proceed. Attorney Johnson said the Village Council has to approve any change to the DDA Development Plan.

Miller asked what she should post on the DDA Facebook page. Dickinson suggested telling the community that the DDA is working on a beautification project for the downtown area and asking if anyone was willing to volunteer their time, skills or a donation? Dickinson also stated that local businesses may donate money and then have "Donated By: **Business Name**" printed on the trash receptacle.

Any Other Business: Miller said we have been asked to donate to Byron Fireworks Friends and Vandemark said we have cups and t-shirts we can donate.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: Vandemark had called a landscaper who suggested retaining walls (possibly 3 tiers) for the water tower hill. Not a DDA project because it's not in the DDA zone. Vandemark suggested a Go Fund Me page. The quote was for \$20,000. Attorney Johnson suggested paying for something the Village would normally pay for (in their zone), and then maybe the Village would pay for the landscaping.

Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bowers. Adjourned at 7:10 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

1/23/2020


Rob Vandemark, Chairperson