

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
April 15, 2021 (Unapproved)

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Miller, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Russell, Brittain, Bailey and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Baker-Murph and Dickinson. Total 7 members were present with 2 absent (Dickinson and Baker-Murph). Also present, Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC, hereinafter referred to as Attorney Johnson.

Marsha had all present members recite their oath of office.

Agenda Approval: Bessenbacher motioned to approve agenda for 4/15/2021. Seconded by Bowers. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bessenbacher, Bailey, Bowers, Miller, Russell, Brittain and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Bowers motioned to approve minutes of 3/18/2021 meeting. Seconded by Miller. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bessenbacher, Bowers, Bailey, Russell, Brittain, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: Miller will update the contact list to reflect the newest members. Vandemark spoke with the school superintendent again. He shared that the school is paving the parking lot in July. Miller and Vandemark discussed who was previously in charge of the parade.

Financial Status Report/Payment of Bills: Miller reported balance as of 3/31/2021 as \$37,896.37 per bank statement and Village financial records. One bill was presented for payment: 1) \$288.00 from the Village of Byron for Clerk, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary wages for February and March 2021.

Bowers motioned to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Miller, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Bailey, Russell, Brittain, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Dickinson and Baker-Murph). Motion Passed.

Miller asked if some of the DDA's funds could be put into a CD in order to earn interest. Attorney Johnson said that is allowed. Vandemark asked Miller to research it more.

Vandemark, Miller, and Attorney Johnson explained to the new members how the DDA obtains funds.

Vandemark accepted the financial report pending audit.

Update on Trash Bin project and discussion about other projects: Vandemark shared that Erik Jones wants to sponsor another trash bin. Vandemark said a few other people have said they want to sponsor trash bins. Miller motioned to buy 4 more trash bins using TIF funds from Keith Gulick up to \$325 each. Seconded by Bassenbacher. Roll call vote. Ayes: Miller, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Bailey, Russell, Brittain, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Dickinson and Baker-Murph). Motion Passed.


DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
April 15, 2021 (Unapproved)

Future fundraising events: River Regatta/Duck Race July 10: Vandemark said it is dependent on Fireworks & Friends doing the parade. Vandemark mentioned the DDA hosting a golf outing as a fundraiser. Miller mentioned that someone needs to start planning for Byron's Bicentennial Celebration. Multiple members mentioned wanting to update the park. Bowers mentioned adding stairs to the park for easier access.


Any Other Business: None.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: Vandemark explained to the new members that we are also the Planning Commission for Byron.

Bowers motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Miller. Adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

5-20-21
5/20/2021


Rob Vandemark, Chairperson