

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
May 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Bowers, Murphy, Dickinson, Bailey, Prestonise and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Baker-Murph and Miller. Total 6 members were present, with 2 absent and 1 vacant seat. Also present, Attorney Chris Johnson of Gormley Law.

Agenda Approval: Bowers motioned to approve agenda for 5/16/19. Seconded by Dickinson. Voice Vote. Ayes- Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Dickinson motioned to approve minutes of 3/21/19 meeting (No meeting in April). Seconded by Bowers. Voice vote. Ayes- Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: David Lynn (guest, Village resident) suggested forming a “garden club” and wanted to know if anyone else in the community wanted to be a part of it. He mentioned forming a community garden where members of garden club could all share the harvest from the garden. He feels that it would bring the community together in a constructive activity. He suggested Block 15 for the garden but that is privately owned land. Rob advised him to ask the land owner. Bowers said she would assist him with posting on social media to see if anyone was interested. Dickinson said people could call Matador’s (810-266-5034) and leave a message with him and he would pass it on to Mr. Lynn, as they are next-door neighbors. Mr. Lynn left meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Vandemark said we received a certificate thanking us for supporting Byron Fireworks Friends.

Pond update: Rob found a couple contacts regarding pond cleanup and will send those to Marsha. Bowers suggested doing a fundraiser for funds since TIF money would not cover the cleanup.

Vandemark and Prestonise discussed TIF money going towards street repairs that are in DDA coverage area. We would need to add the specific details to our development plan. First we would need a bid from the Village to estimate cost and where the repairs would be.

Financial Status: Vandemark reported balance as of 4/01/19 as \$27,563.38 per bank statement and Village financial records. Two bills were presented for payment: 1) \$614.00 to Industrial Propane Service for payment of the park bench. Dickinson motioned to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Murphy. Roll Call Vote. Ayes- Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent & 1 open seat. Motion Passed. 2) \$35.00 for Rob to attend a Michigan Downtown Association meeting in Lapeer, MI on 05/17/19. The meeting outlines reporting requirements and examples of complying communities, in regards to the DDA and how we operate. Bowers motioned to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Bailey. Roll Call Vote. Ayes- Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent & 1 open seat Motion Passed.

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Dickinson motioned to accept financial report. Seconded by Murphy. Roll call vote. Ayes: Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent & 1 open seat. Motion Passed.

DDA Development Plan follow up: Lawyer said TIF money can't be used until Development Plan is finalized. Donation money can be spent prior to plan being finalized. Vandemark reminded everyone to review/edit the Development Plan.

Upcoming Fundraisers and events: Vandemark asked if we wanted to proceed with the River Regatta on July 13th. Dickinson motioned for us to host River Regatta. Seconded by Bowers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent & 1 open seat. Motion Passed.

Vandemark had put together a list of costs associated with the event. He mentioned: trophies, signs, flyers, and finish line with approximate cost of \$170.00. He said with the money we bring in from sponsors and the duck race, and after costs are deducted, we should make around \$1090 profit. Dickinson motioned that we could spend up to \$250 for supplies for River Regatta. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Murphy, Bowers, Bailey, Prestonise, Dickinson, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent & 1 open seat. Motion Passed.

Vandemark discussed Erik Jones Day. He read the schedule from the Erik Jones website. Vandemark talked about placing flags and Prestonise said he had people that could put them up as long as they were to him by June 7th.

Prestonise suggested calling 103.9 (radio station) for advertisement and ask them if they want to come for the River Regatta. Lawyer suggested calling Channel 12. Vandemark suggested starting the River Regatta later so there wouldn't be as much dead time before the fireworks start. Prestonise said he would ask the police to rearrange their schedule so we could have coverage for the River Regatta and Erik Jones Day. Vandemark mentioned the Mason's breakfast in September. Bowers suggested putting 3 foot letters in front of water tower that say "Byron Eagles". Vandemark is getting a quote for landscape.

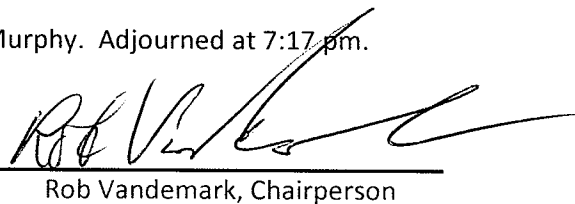
Any Other Business: None

Public and Board Member Comments: No public comments. No board member comments.

Meeting adjournment: Dickinson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Murphy. Adjourned at 7:17 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

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Rob Vandemark, Chairperson