

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
May 20, 2021

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

Roll Call – Present: Dickinson, Russell, Brittain, Bailey and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Baker-Murph, Miller, and Bowers. Julie Bowers arrived at 6:02 p.m. Total 6 members were present (after late arrivals) with 2 absent (Miller and Baker-Murph). Also present, Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC, hereinafter referred to as Attorney Johnson.

Agenda Approval: Dickinson motioned to approve agenda for 5/20/2021. Seconded by Bailey. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bowers, Bailey, Dickinson, Russell, Brittain and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Bowers motioned to approve minutes of 4/15/2021 meeting. Seconded by Dickinson. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bailey, Bowers, Dickinson, Russell, Brittain and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: Vandemark spoke with CIB planning, they help with rural development. He told members that Byron doesn't qualify as a "downtown" and therefore is not eligible for certain grants. Vandemark is trying to dispute what qualifies as a "downtown".

6:09 p.m. Keith Gulick and his wife entered the meeting.

Financial Status Report/Payment of Bills: Vandemark reported balance as of 4/30/2021 as \$35,210.37 per bank statement and Village financial records. One bill was presented for payment: 1) \$1100.00 from MC Farms for the (4) additional trash cans (\$275 each). The check will be made payable to Keith Gulick.

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

Vandemark accepted the financial report pending audit.

Update on Trash Bins (4 more) and Flower boxes: Keith Gulick shared that the new bins will all be complete on 5/21/2021 and asked where to place them. Vandemark and other members suggested places. Gulick presented a small, narrow (cost \$60 each) option and a larger, square (cost \$70 each) option for the flower boxes.

Dickinson motioned to spend up to \$800 on flower boxes, pending review with Chamber of Commerce to select quantity and preferred size(s). Seconded by Russell. Roll call vote. Ayes: Brittain, Bowers, Dickinson, Bailey, Russell and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Miller and Baker-Murph). Motion Passed.

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Future fundraising events: River Regatta/Duck Race July 10: Vandemark shared that Fireworks and Friends will be doing the fireworks on July 10. Parking may be an issue, since around that time the school will be paving the parking lot. Vandemark shared 2019 event information like how much the sponsorships went for, the prize amounts, etc. Vandemark shared that the cost will be around \$250 to cover flyers, the finish line, and the cost of trophies. Other expenses will be covered by sponsors and the revenue from the raffle.

Dickinson motioned to spend no more than \$250 on the River Regatta. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Brittain, Bowers, Bailey, Russell, Dickinson and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Miller and Baker-Murph). Motion Passed.

Dickinson will try and contact 103.9 about the event.

Dickinson motioned that the duck race prizes will pay out \$700 for first place, \$375 for second place, and \$125 third place. Raffle tickets will sell for \$5 each, up to 497 ducks. Winners do not have to be present to win. Seconded by Russell. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bowers, Bailey, Russell, Brittain, Dickinson and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Miller and Baker-Murph). Motion Passed.

Vandemark discussed possibly doing a Golf Outing as a fundraiser. He wants it to be based on a set project, not just general DDA funds.

Vandemark brought up food trucks. Members raised concerns about it and offered alternate options, like the local FFA. Russell said she would contact FFA alumni, Brittain suggested adding events to the River Regatta like derby car races, bed races and a rope bridge.

Any Other Business: Attorney Johnson said the next notices sent out by the DDA can say "all future notices will be emailed".

Bowers brought up an upcoming My Osha meeting. She said they want to make current business Covid protocols permanent. She encouraged other members to leave comments online expressing their opinions. She also shared that Consumers rates will be raising June 1.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: Bowers motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Russell. Adjourned at 7:20 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

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Rob Vandemark, Chairperson