

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
May 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Bowers, Miller, Prestonise, Baker-Murph and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Bailey and Dickinson. Total 5 members were present, with 2 absent (Bailey and Dickinson) and 2 vacant seats.

Agenda Approval: Baker-Murph motioned to approve agenda for 5/21/2020. Seconded by Miller. Voice Vote. Ayes: Prestonise, Bowers, Baker-Murph, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Miller motioned to approve minutes of 2/20/2020 meeting. Seconded by Bowers. Vandemark presented the changes proposed by Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC (not present at meeting). Members discussed amendments to the minutes of the 2/20/2020 meeting. Miller motioned to approve the amended minutes of the 2/20/2020 meeting. Seconded by Baker-Murph. Voice Vote. Ayes: Prestonise, Bowers, Baker-Murph, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: Prestonise shared that the Village requested additional roads be added to the original paving project. He also shared that (3) trees were removed from the cemetery and that the Village bought (2) new lawn mowers. Vandemark asked Prestonise to bring up the Development Plan Public Hearing in the June/July Village meeting. Vandemark would like to apply for a \$2000 grant but it requires that the project be complete by September 4th, 2020.

Financial Status Report/Payment of Bills: Miller reported balance as of 2/12/2020 as \$29,958.82 per bank statement and Village financial records. No bills were presented for payment.

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

New Grant application opportunity: Vandemark received a flyer from I-69 Thumb Region. They are offering a “place making mini-grant” in the amount of \$2000. Applicants must apply by June 1, 2020 and the winner will be announced by July 1, 2020. Miller motioned for Vandemark to fill out/turn in application for the grant. Seconded by Baker-Murph. Voice Vote. Ayes: Miller, Bowers, Prestonise, Baker-Murph, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Any other business: Baker-Murph and Vandemark discussed starting a Go Fund Me page for the water tower hill landscape. Bowers mentioned having people donate money to have their name on a brick, in hopes of building a brick wall. Prestonise asked who would maintain it. Members discussed low-maintenance options. Baker-Murph said she would attempt to get quotes from landscapers. Vandemark said any changes would need to be approved by the Village because it is in their zone.

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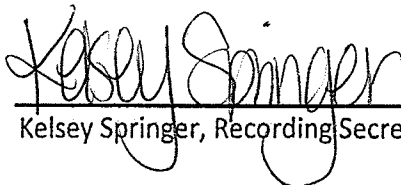
Miller and Vandemark discussed the duck race in July. Vandemark said the DDA would cancel the Duck Race and the River Regatta if the fireworks and parade were cancelled.

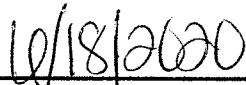
Vandemark asked members to invite local residents to join the DDA.

Miller and Vandemark discussed the trash receptacles. Miller said she will reach out to a local resident and request a quote to build them.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: None.

Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bowers. Adjourned at 7:07 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary


5/27/2020


Rob Vandemark, Chairperson