

DDA Meeting Minutes  
Byron Municipal Building  
December 4, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Chairperson Vandemark  
Roll Call- Present: Vandemark, Miller, Dickinson, Murphy-Alderman, Bowers, and Brunell  
Absent: Rauch, Murphy, and Ayotte. Also in attendance: Lynndsy Tykoski (Village Treasurer).

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve agenda by Murphy Alderman/Brunell seconded. Voice vote: all ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried. Motion to approve November 6 minutes by Miller/Murphy-Alderman seconded. Voice vote: all ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried.

Communications: Brunell would like to thank the DDA for their support with her losing her mother.

Financial Status: Account beginning balance \$18,648.98; received income of \$10 from sale of fundraising glass, bill paid to Phil Hathaway and postage for mailing of letters regarding public hearing. Ending balance of \$18,206.38. Motion to approve treasurer report and bill payment by Dickinson/ Murphy-Alderman seconded. Roll call vote: Vandemark- Aye, Miller-Aye, Dickinson-Aye, Murphy Alderman-Aye, Bowers-Aye, Brunell-Aye. 3 absent. Motion carried.

Downtown Development Plan/TIF Plan Status, Boundary Revision: November 20 hearing brought up changing boundary so some residential properties can be excluded from the development boundary. Village has to approve this. Murphy's and property between races want to be excluded. We do not need any updated maps of the new boundary for Monday's council meeting to be able to vote on the TIF.

Wayfinding Signs Update: Nothing new since last meeting. Trying to decide how we want to represent the town on the signs. Perhaps use the school colors and maybe the river; an eagle flying over the river. Rob will email the list that was generated at last month's meeting. We will want to replace all of the current wayfinding signs. We can invite Flamingo Kid Signs to our meeting so we can get some immediate feedback.

Planning Commission/Downtown Zone Boundary: TO be able to use the DDA as the Planning Commission, we need to change the downtown zone to the Village boundary. Village currently has a planning commission; Kit is the chair, but needs to resign since she is President. The other current members would not mind if they were replaced. The Planning Commission agenda would just be added to the DDA agenda at the meetings. The DDA is good with this, council needs to approve.

Term Limits for 1Yr term members-Miller and Dickinson: This is on the council's agenda for the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Christmas in the Village Update: A booth will be set up next to Matador's with a heater to be sold in silent auction. Also, sell some pizza. Chris has the area almost ready. Murphy Alderman will have five people to help run the booth. Minimum bid for heater set at \$150, wholesale is \$328. Miller will make silent auction sheet. Banner will be used. Event goes from 5:45 - 8:00.

Other Fundraisers/Events: May 2 at the golf course fancy steak dinner and silent auction. Date isn't written in stone, it is flexible. Cash raffle. DDA can't get license but the Chamber of Commerce can. They can do the raffle and donate the money to the DDA. 200 tickets to be sold for \$50 each. Miller will call the school athletic director to check their dates to make sure our events don't interfere with theirs. We should plan something for February. Possibly coordinate with the boosters when they do their events. Check school schedule and see what is happening. Table until January.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment:

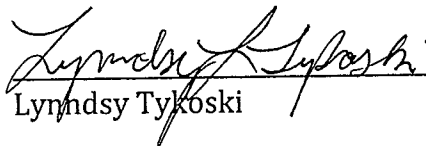
Murphy Alderman: River projects- 8<sup>th</sup> grade service learning projects, working on trail, getting grants for supplies and signs and benches for outdoor classroom. The YMCA is coming to Byron. People are already signing up. The Building and Trades building is being used for the Byron Family YMCA. The equipment is coming next week. Working on exercise classes. It will open January 5<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation will be 5am-8am and 4pm-8pm weekdays. We will be the first school in the state of MI to have a YMCA. Recruiting in Byron and Durand. The school gets to use the equipment during the day. Talked with Chief Sampey, applying for a grant from the Michigan Dept of Education for a school safety grant for cameras and a security system. Due mid-January. Will find out sometime March or April if the money is approved, and will have 6 months to spend the money.

Miller: Chamber will be putting together a flyer to promote Byron businesses.


Johnson: DDA members have to be residents of or work within the downtown zone.

Next DDA meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brunell/Murphy Alderman seconded. Voice vote: all Ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

  
Lynndsy Tykoski

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Date

  
Rob Vandemark