

DDA Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
June 4, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:24pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Murphy, Vandemark, Miller, Dickinson, Murphy-Alderman, Brunell, Bowers. Absent members: Ayotte & Rauch. Also in attendance John Gormley (Attorney) Justin Horvath, and Brent Jones from SEDP, and Tony Prestonise.

Agenda Approval: Murphy-Alderman motion to approve with addition of conversation with Justin Horvath & Brent Jones as item 4, Brunell seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes, 2 Absent. Carried.

Minutes Review: Brunell motion to approve minutes from May meeting, Dickinson seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes, 2 Absent. Carried.

Communications: None

Financial Status :Miller reported DDA current balance of \$18,500.47, per Chase bank statement ending May 29, 2015. Received cash for \$50 from sale of cups. Murphy-Alderman motioned to approve financial status pending audit, seconded by Brunell. Roll Call-Ayes: Murphy, Vandemark, Dickinson, Murphy-Alderman, Brunell, Bowers, Miller. 2 absent. Accepted pending audit.

Discussion with Justin Horvath & Brent Jones from SEDP: They mentioned names of Mike Smith from MDOT, Paula Willoughby of Laingsburg and an individual from Lennon DDA as being recommended individuals to come talk to our Byron DDA about the low to mod income process; Safe routes to school initiative; and anything else to help us out with things the DDA needs to accomplish. Justin recommended that first we need to be sure the MEDC is still taking apps to check for low to mod income level. The MEDC is ‘fighting for their lives’ currently (per Justin & Brent), and before we move a step, we need to be sure this is something they are still doing. Tricia suggested we bring in Adriana from the State of Michigan re: the safe routes to school grant program. We might as well bring them all in together to talk to us and educate us.

Change in July meeting date: Vandemark moved to change the DDA regular scheduled meeting from July 2 instead to be Thursday July 9, due to the Independence Day holiday weekend. Seconded by Murphy-Alderman. In discussion, it was requested that Justin invite Paula, Mike & Adriana to our July 9 meeting at 6pm. Voice Vote: All Ayes, 2 absent. Carried.

Wayfinding Signs Update: Tricia reported that a couple of high school students would like to meet with the DDA to discuss our ideas. A committee of Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Julie Bowers, and Chris Dickinson was set to get ideas on what we want to see for a logo for Wayfinding signs. Once the students design something, they will report back to us. Attorney Gormley recommended that the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control should be reviewed to be sure all requirements for signs are met.

Canoe Launch Update: Per Rob, the Saginaw WIN met earlier today. Rob, along with school officials and Phil Hathaway have been meeting regarding a grant that was available for our Canoe Launch. The DDA submitted a proposed grant request for \$6,444. Saginaw WIN has approved our proposal. The next step is for WIN to review for final approval. Things are looking very good for us. Once we get the final

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approval, Phil Hathaway will assist us in submitting a DEQ application, which may be a \$500 application fee. The school and Village have met regarding a lease agreement about the use of the land. It was determined that it was best to put together a new agreement with the DDA and leave the existing agreement between the Village/School/Park alone due to legal reasons. Attorney Gormley suggested that we propose a plan agreement with the process as follows:

- 1 – Outline of agreement between the school and the DDA/Village
- 2 – Propose a plan amendment to our Work Plan
- 3 – present to village council for public hearing process
- 4 – then Village can approve an ordinance approval

Our map revision needs to get done. There was some discussion on having a dual public hearing to propose a change in the Development Zone for purposes of a Planning Commission. Tabled for a future meeting.

Fund Raising Breakfast May 16th: Miller reported that profit from May 16th breakfast was approximately \$350. A check has not been received from the Masons yet. Vandemark moved to host another breakfast on July 18 from 8 – 11am. Murphy-Alderman seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes. 2 Absent. Carried.

Entertainment Tent August 1, 2015: Vandemark reported that a committee met on June 2 regarding plans for the August 1 Entertainment tent event. Rob asked for volunteers to be on the committee. It will be at Willow Brook golf course again. Rob is to discuss with the owner of the club house to see if they will work a better deal so we can profit more from alcohol sales. We will need to request a noise variance from the Village. We will also try to get 'free' or donated bands to entertain. The next scheduled committee meeting will be June 16 for the Entertainment Tent.

Bubble Ball fundraiser: Sage Link Credit Union offers a fundraiser at no cost to non profits called Bubble Ball. They provide the equipment, and profit is purely ours. Beverly had already requested July 11 for the DDA to be penciled in to the schedule with Sage Link. Dickinson motioned to have a Bubble Ball Experience event on Sat. July 11 during Byron Family Fun Day from 2:30-4:30 pm at a cost of \$5 for a 10 minute experience. Murphy-Alderman seconded. Tricia mentioned that she will request that the school paint lines for us in the grassy area out in front of the school near the sign. Beverly will call John Knickerbocker of Sage Link to confirm the equipment and what they will provide.

Blue Ribbon Awards: Vandemark brought up an idea of the DDA offering awards to residents for beautiful yards, or yard of the month. We could advertise to residents with a notice in their water bills, and then our nominations could be discussed at the July meeting. It was discussed that an email should be sent to Marsha at the Village with the info so she could include in the notice with the water bills.

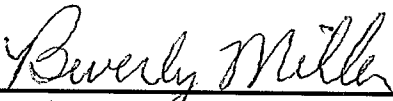
Any Other Business: None

Public and Board Member Comments: Vandemark mentioned that the Byron Masons do a monthly casino trip fundraiser, and they offered that if we work with them on one of the fundraisers, we could make some money. No action was taken on this suggestion. Dickinson suggested adding a pedestrian crossing area due to the new gas station pavement, since many residents cross the street from the gas


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station to the Deli and Pizzeria, as well as the bank. Brunell will check the Village ordinance to see if this is a possibility. The DDA gave its condolences to Village Clerk Marsha Reed for the loss of her mother.

Meeting adjournment: At 7:45 pm Murphy-Alderman motioned for adjournment. All Ayes, 2 Absent. Carried.


Beverly Miller, Clerk fill-in

Date


Rob Vandemark

VILLAGE OF BYRON PROPOSED CANOE LAUNCH SITE PLAN

WEST MAPLE STREET

