

DDA Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
March 16, 2017

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

Roll Call – Present: Murphy, Miller, Bowers, Prestonise, Bailey, Alderman, Vandemark and Dickinson (came in at 6:03 pm).

Absent: Streeter

Agenda Approval: Motion by Murphy to approve agenda as written; seconded by Alderman. Voice Vote: All Ayes - No Nays - 1 absent; passed.

Minutes Approval: Miller motioned to approve minutes with correction from February 16, 2017; Murphy seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes - No Nays - 1 absent; passed.

Communications: Miller asked about email forwarded by Reed and Vandemark said we couldn't use it.

Financial Status: Miller reported DDA balance of \$18,466.96(per bank statement) and explained spreadsheet with breakdown of funds. Vandemark asked about the TIF and Miller said she received final figures from Dowler and gave outcome of approximately \$88.00 for first year and approximately \$80.00 and then 2017 approximately \$4,200.00. Miller said next step is visit to township treasurer. Brownfield was discussed. Accept report pending audit.

Review SRTS Update: Vandemark talked about meeting that took place on March 9, 2017 and that there is a grant available to cover the 20% match. He also talked about how MSU will help start the engineering process at no charge. Vandemark said MSU coming next week to survey area including the school traffic congestion. Vandemark said we will schedule another public meeting for SRTS when more information is available.

Discuss Support Letter for Shia River Water Trail as National River Paddling Trail: Dickinson said that some concerns about relinquishing of rights with dams were brought up at last meeting and Dickinson read email about national trails and they have no regulating authority over dams or other areas. Dickinson said next coalition meeting will be held at the Mason's on March 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm. He requested that both DDA and council members attend. Miller said she checked into it and came up with the same information that email contained and the letter is to show support only. Prestonise said that personally he is against it and explained why. More discussion took place and Miller read the benefits of support. Alderman motioned on behalf of Byron DDA to send letter of support; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 1 Nays - 1 absent; passed. Miller said she would send letter of support out.

MIS Bus Trip Discussion: Vandemark went over email Streeter sent him about transport for disabled and refund if rain cancels event; there is no transportation for disabled and no refund for cancelled event for rain. Vandemark asked others for their thoughts on moving forward and committing to this. Dickinson and Miller both said that it feels risky. Vandemark asked if we want to take the risk and discussion took place on subject. Murphy suggested that we offer bus trip to people who have already bought racing tickets. Alderman motioned to move forward on MIS bus trip fund raiser; seconded by Dickinson. Motion was amended to add securing tickets if necessary. Roll Call: All Ayes - 1 Nays - 1 absent; passed. Bowers asked if trip was family friendly and members said yes. Dickinson will do flyer and flyer will be sent to Swartz Creek.

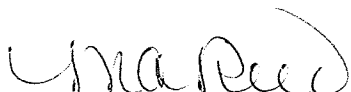
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Breakfast March 18: Vandemark talked about breakfast at Mason's on March 18, 2017. Vandemark asked who was going to help and Murphy, Dickinson, Bailey, Miller and Vandemark answered.

Any Other Business: None

Public and Board Member Comments: Janet Cole asked who from DDA was going to be on the Park Board. Berecz explained how the by-laws read and what the attorney said. Vandemark explained the difficulties and would see if they could find someone to represent DDA. He asked what was the meeting schedule and Cole replied March thru October on the second Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Municipal Building. Alderman explained the 100 women who care and they would commit to 2 meetings and \$100.00 for each meeting. She explained how it works and that she invited 42 ladies.

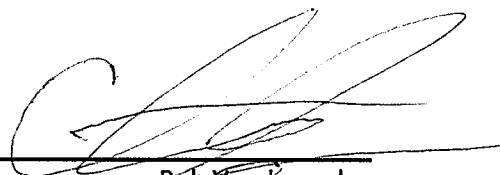
Meeting adjournment: At 7:07 pm Bowers motioned for adjournment and Dickinson seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes - No Nays - 1 absent; passed.



Marsha Reed

4/20/17

Approval Date



~~Rob Vandemark~~

Chris Dickinson