

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2020

Minutes for August 3, 2020

Opening of Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott G. via Zoom at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members absent Joe C. and Kelly O.

Approval of Agenda: Virginia O. motioned Approval of the Agenda, second by William S. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: William S. motioned Approval of the Minutes from June 1, 2020 second by Rose M. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Nicole H. reported that the balance for July is \$26669.91. Three checks for the total of \$1726.60. \$600.00 for the John Olson plaque, \$745.00 for globe printing, \$381.60 for the pavilion. The ending balance in the checking account is \$24943.31. Julia L. motioned to accept the Treasures report, second by Scott G. All in favor.

Public Comment: None

Members Comment: None

Old Business:

- 1- **Pavilion Billing:** Billing for \$68.71 presented to complete pavilion work. Discussion from William S. that the lights look great and there is a wedding scheduled this summer and the people loved the dimmers. The wagon wheel still needs to be refinished to complete the project. William S. motioned to approve the payment, second by Rose M. All in favor.
- 2- **Stairs Update:** After receiving two estimates for the project they were presented to the Township Board who approved the low bid. The stairs will be metal grate with railings that will be powder coated blue. The township will remove the old stairs and the project will begin the week of August 17th.
- 3- **Tree Update:** Scott G. reported that the tree service will deliver and unload the tree. The township has to dig the hole and have topsoil to back fill it. It will have to be staked and tied until the root system is stable. Scott will let the Township know what width and depth the tree service recommends. This will happen in August and the Township has approved to cover the expense.
- 4- **Olson Plaque:** William S. showed us the plaque. Julia L. said she thinks there should be some kind of presentation attached to the hanging of the plaque. Virginia O. informed us that next year will be ten years since John Olson

passed. She also said there are other plaques that were given to John over the years. Julia suggested they all be hung together so people that didn't know John would know what he accomplished for the Township. William motioned to postpone the dedication, second by Nicole H. All in favor.

- 5- Zoning Review Status: The question was asked how much review has been done by DDA members for the zoning. Scott G. reported he has taken some notes, the rest of us need to get in gear. It was suggested that we have a meeting solely for the zoning discussion. Rather a workshop, that would include Bob D. so we can have our questions addressed directly. After discussion it was decided to have the regular DDA Board Meeting on September 3rd. William S. motioned to have the meeting on September 3rd, second by Scott G. All in favor. Julia L. asked, are we zooming? William S. informed us that we have to post 18 hours prior to meeting so we will wait until the end of August to see what the state regulations are in accordance with the virus. Julia motioned to have the Workshop on September 28th, second by William S. All in favor.
- 6- Vision Statement: Discussion was held about getting this done and Nicole H. would like for all of us to prepare our own vision statement so we are not starting from scratch when we meet. William S. motioned to postpone the Vision Statement for the September 28th workshop, second by Scott G. All in favor.

New Business:

- 1- Library Door Bids: We received two bids. One from Champion Glass and one from Stonehouse. Scott G. reported Champion deals more in commercial grade doors which reflected the price difference. Nicole H. feels the amount of use the library doors receive doesn't warrant a commercial grade. She is more concerned about insulation, weather resistance and handicapped accessibility. William S. is glad the double door will be gone since one actually blew off last year. We are in favor of the one wide door with the full sidelight, no windows on the actual door. Scott G. questioned the commercial building code on the side light window going down so low. Julia L. noted the grant requirements for recognition. After discussion it was decided that the information would be in the next Township newsletter and that we would take a picture of the DDA members at the Library once the new doors were installed. Virginia O. has already put an article in the Lanse paper. William S. made the motion to accept the Stonehouse bid after the question of code is established and that the DDA will pay the billing difference that the grant doesn't cover. Julia L. will call about code. Second by Nicole H. All in favor.
- 2- Signage Design Ideas: Discussion was held that we know what needs to be on the signs, now we need ideas for the style of the signage. This will be HOMEWORK.
- 3- Dogs in the Park: Julia L. brought up the idea that dogs are allowed in most parks with restrictions of leashes and cleaning up after them. Since patrons are

taking their dogs to the park already, Virginia O. has written an article in the Lanse paper asking folks to clean up after their pets. Scott G. told us that Negaunee and other communities already have poop bag stations in their public areas. It was also discussed that patrons are still driving into and parking in the park. Scott G. suggested that the grass by the parking area be removed and once again signage be improved. William said the Township needs to update its regulations about dogs in the park and he will put it on the Township Agenda since the DDA can't set regulations. He will also bring up the idea of gating/cabing the alley entrance. It was discussed that the DDA would pay for the poop bag stations. Julia L. said that we have to make regulations that help those who abide by the rules not punish everyone for those that don't. This agenda item will be postponed until the next meeting. NO action taken.

- 4- September Market: Although the committee is committed to the market Rose M. has concerns. Virginia O. feels we need to see what kind of response we get from our vendors. William S. thinks if only a small number are willing to come then cancel. Yes, if more committed with social distancing and mask requirement. Virginia O. wants the vendors to know that it could be canceled for lack of numbers and or change in state regulations so they won't be surprised. Julia L. will send out the email with a deadline date to RSVP. NO action taken.
- 5- Cedar Tree by Hummingbird Sign: One of the trees has died. Scott G. reported that he has trimmed the others of dead branches but ones a goner. Julia L. reported that they have them at Lowes for around \$50.00. William S. made the motion that we purchase a new one. Second by Nicole H. All in favor.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Julia L. second by Rose M. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:37