

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2023

Minutes for March 6, 2023

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:24 p.m. Late start on account of one member not present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Absent Rose M. Currently the DDA is two members short.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda, seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: None, information not available from the office.

Public Comment: Laura M. thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Member Comment: Scott G. updated us on the Icon Signs guesstimate if all new materials including posts, concrete and plywood sheeting are needed to redo the big highway billboard that will have the Museum items on it. The guesstimate was \$2-2500. It would be different if they can reuse any of the existing materials. Virginia O. reported that the Sesquicentennial Committee presented checks to the Museum and Library represented by the Friends of Michigamme and the Michigamme-Spurr 4th of July Council.

East Bluff Sign: Guest Dave Holsworth did not attend, so no discussion was held. We will invite him to attend the April meeting.

Old Business:

1- **Town Plan Review:** Review and changes were made for page 6-11. Next month we will do 15-19.
HOMEWORK

2- **RRC/DDA Application:** Julia L. informed the members that she had spoken to Ryan Soucy about the RRC regulations and the concerns expressed by the DDA. He let us know that 4.1 is the practice that all recruitment and appointment procedures are clear. 4.1.1 just requires those procedures to be posted online. Michigamme is under the Essentials Expectations of the RRC so posting on line is required. **Membership by representation states:** Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district or officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than 1 of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, if the downtown district has 100 or more persons residing within it.

The RRC is not prescribing anything, just the basic practices and the DDA must adhere to Act 57 at a minimum. We are free to change the application to what works for Michigamme within those parameters, it just needs to be expressed. The Swiedels consistent foundation support for the 4th of July activities downtown is interpreted as having an interest in the downtown. Discussion was held and it was decided to work on redoing the application at the April meeting.

3- 150 Banner Sale: Once the Facebook is set up, we will post the banner sale and also put it on the township website and have some local posters.

4- Facebook Setup: Discussion was held and it was decided that it is an informational site only, no comments will be taken. The question about ads popping up on the site was raised. Julia L. will contact Marla B. with the questions.

5- Birchbark Design Sample: No new information, contact has been out sick.

New Business:

1- Calendar list for May mailing: Items submitted for the list are the Spring and Holiday Markets. Information for the new Facebook location. A write up of what the DDA has accomplished and is planning Ex. watch for new billboards, need two new members, etc. etc.

2- Land on Corner of Brook and Main: Rhonda B. reported it has pulled from the sale list. Rhonda B. will get the information on how the process works for the DDA to acquire the lot.

3- CIP Scoring Results: Rhonda B. reported that the scoring has not been done because the planning commission does not have a full board. They will be done by April.

4- DDA Facilities Usage: Discussion was held about the DDA using township facilities for events that it sponsors. Rhonda B. informed the members that there has always been a form and yes, we will need to fill one out. The form is available online.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Rhonda B. to adjourn, seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.