

## MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2022

Minutes for March 7, 2022

**Opening of Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:01 pm. Members present: Scott G. Bill S. Kelly O.(in person) Rose M. and Virginia O. (via remote).

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Kelly O. supported by Bill S. approved by unanimous voice vote

**Approval of Minutes January:** Motion by Bill S., to accept as presented the January minutes, supported by Rose M., approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasures Report:** Rose M reported that DDA savings account was closed and the funds rolled into the checking account for a total of \$36,229.16. ICS account \$5043.21. DDA has no outstanding bills, Range bank to refund \$1.00. Motion to accept report, Bill S, supported Virginia O., approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Member Comment:** Both Rose M. and Virginia O. stated that they appreciated the use of remote attendance allowing them to continue to participate with the DDA. Bill S. pointed out that there are three applications for the two open positions on the DDA, Rose McBride, Ronda Gravdoni, and Laura Mattson. New members will be appointed on March 14<sup>th</sup> at that time the Township Board will approve the new members. It was also stated that DDA membership is a volunteer position and there is no stipend for membership.

### **Old Business:**

1. Paddle Sign Color, general consensus is a lighter color tan on the background with blue lettering. Motion made to accept "Town Hall Tan" as the background color made by Scott G. Supported by Bill S., approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Highway signs, action postponed. A message was received from Brian Johnson of MDot that the township doesn't have to pay for a permit, just apply. Proposed location N. side of highway near knoll just before Roadside Park would be fine. Stated that it is necessary to find out who owns the property and more information is needed to determine location including right of way. Kelly O. proposed creation of sub-committee created and empowered to make decision on final design of billboards. Discussed if a designer should be hired to finalize designs for existing billboards or continue to work with icon signs. Design suggestions; remove cloud from hanging moose. Design with lake outline and international symbols: remove lake, remove some of circles with international symbols, put some symbols into lake outline, and maintain similar background colors. Silhouette Design; remove one of two

churches, replace with Dishnow House, add purple bench, add 8 Miles to Michigamme. Rose M. appointed Virginia O., Scott G., and Kelly O. as subcommittee to approve signs. Photo September in the Bay is the consensus favorite, suggested that lighten up picture and add an eagle. Consensus is that Moose Lift sign should just use the word Welcome. Bill S, motions for the creation of subcommittee Rose M, supports, approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Town Plan Review: Kelly O. offers to consolidate and make the changes members want on the town plan. Scott G. motions to accept offer and for members to send suggested changes to Kelly by 3/25/2022, Kelly O. supports, approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Olson Plaque Ceremony: Presentation to be made Memorial Day with the plaque mounted and unveiled.

Suggested goals for 2022; Statement Sign on Highway, Replace picnic tables, Planters and Hanging Baskets on Main street, Update Public Restrooms, Rain Gardens.

DDA Parade Float to be revisited next meeting.

Info center bulletin board and racks to be ordered before next meeting, We-energies or licensed electrician to be contacted to run power from light pole to building.

Amount of funding for and choice of 150<sup>th</sup> Event to be determined.

**New Business:**

1. CIP project/budget will be dealt with through Township Board Members Bill, Julia, and Nicole.

2. New Members will be chosen by Township Board on 3/14/2022.

Bill, points out that the DDA needs to produce an annual report for Township board and that will need to be put on April's agenda.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by William S., seconded by Scott G. Unanimous voice vote, adjourned 7:27 p.m.