

MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2022

Minutes for November 7, 2022

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Melissa G. and Kelly O.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda with the change of moving guest speaker Carol Fulsher after member comment. Seconded by Rhonda B. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: Rose M. reported that the deposits from the Holiday Market were \$269 for food, \$325 for the raffle and \$200 for entry fees. There was one bill for \$50 for the corn stalks and straw bales. Motion was made by Virginia O. to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor.

Public Comment: Terry McBride let the committee know that the land in front of the main entrance sign (where the canoe will go) is flooded. Perhaps we should speak with the railroad about adding a culvert. Scott G. will take photos. William S. said the Holiday Market went well. Many guests were impressed and loved the lunch.

Member Comment: Julia L. asked about the 150 Banners coming down and what will we do with them? Rose McBride let us know why she submitted her resignation as the Treasurer Liaison. As per the Bylaws, Julia will do the Treasurers Report until the January reorganizational meeting. Julia L. let the group know that Mickey Salmi will fix the quirk with the speaker system. Rhonda G. suggested the township have a check list of duties for activities or rental in the community building. Scott G. reported that the price for more paddle signs will be \$79.90 each. The canoe for the top of the sign is \$304.50. Information Station sign is up, only the rack card holders to go. The soil for the canoe planter will be stored on pallets by Scott G. Scott submitted a bill for \$30 for pumpkins and read Rose M. resignation letter.

IOHT Information guest Carol Fulsher: Carol has been the administrator of the IOHT Recreation Authority since 2007. It is a 47" wide trail from Republic to Kawbawgam Road. It includes 74 signs, wildlife platforms, fishing pier, boardwalk through a wetland, some lite

areas and much more. They are a Pure Michigan Trail, a National Recreation Trail for the National Park Service and accessible to people of all abilities. So far, the Recreation Authority has acquired 6 million in grants. Carol said it is a good investment for any community. The mileage for a community is 0.197 per thousand for 6 years. They have acquired long term leases from numerous landowners. The discussion was opened for questions.

1- Was the end game the west end of Marquette County? No end game when they started.

2- Is it all gravel? Some is paved some is aggregate, some multi use and some non-motorized.

3- Masterplan? Yes trails should be in your master plan, and recreation plan.

Carol informed us that there are a lot of AARP funds for non-motorized transportation grants. The connective community push with the DOT would be worth exploring. (Vince Bevins) Our multi-use trail #8 is our connection to Humboldt. Humboldt and Ely have not passed a mileage for the trail. Humboldt failed by 2 votes but they are working on this.

Carol Fulsher is more than happy to assist us in any way she can.

Old Business:

1- Town Plan: No Report, Kelly Absent

2- DPW paid by DDA to install signs: The DDA is under the township so Yes, they can install the signs and are paid through the general fund. The areas for the poles are already marked by Miss Dig but it will be too hard to dig with a hand-held post digger on account of the rocks. Maybe we can hire Raymond Bulter, who has a three-point hitch with post hole auger, to dig the holes. Rose M. motioned to have Scott G. speak with Butler about boring the 7 holes with a price not to exceed \$400. Seconded by Virginia O. All in favor.

3- Holiday Market: Virginia O. reported positive comments by the public, vendors did well, food was good. New speaker system was an added positive.

New Business:

1- Moved up after member comment

2- 2022-23 Goals/ CIP project: Secretary Julia L. will make a master list for the December meeting so we can rank them and perhaps make one a CIP project.

3- Prepare Budget for Township Board 22-23: Secretary Julia L. will bring copies of past budgets for review.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Rhonda G., seconded by Rhonda B. All in Favor.