

Michigamme Township DDA 2024

Minutes for May 6, 2024

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Secretary Julia L. at 6:09 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent: Virginia O., Scott G., and Rhonda G. Laura Mattson was present as the newly appointed supervisor representative.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the agenda with the addition of #5 under Old Business, canoe wrap bid. Seconded by Lisa S. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the minutes from April 1, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Lisa S. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Rhonda G. was absent so Julia L. reported on the balances. The ICS account has \$56,437.91 through 3-31-24. The checking account has \$4744.97 through 4-30-24. Laura M. let us know that the research on some questioned recordings was looked into. The office will meet with Rhonda G. when they can schedule a time to review the items.

Public Comment: Terry McBride takes credit for the sunshine and reported that dog crap is in the ball diamond area.

Member Comment: Julia L. welcomed Rose M. back from Florida and Laura M. as the new member representing the Supervisor, Heather Smith. Laura M. thanked the members and looks forward to working with the DDA. She was a past member and recognizes that we are always working to move forward.

Old Business:

1- **Highway Billboards Status:** No report, Scott G. absent.

2- **Christmas Order Status:** Status is that they have arrived and are stored at the Great Lakes Upholstery Building. Scott G. and Rhonda G. sent the members pictures of the color combination options for members to vote. Lisa S. and Dan S. viewed them on Rose M. phone and then voted. The winner was choice #4. It was suggested that we since we got no response from our request to the township board, in regards to cost sharing, that we get on the agenda for May 13th and try again. Rose M. will write a letter asking for financial support from the township in regards to this project,

3- **Bike Adoption Status:** 2 bikes are left. John Howe will put the bikes outside of the storage shed for pick-up.

4- **Gateway Signage Location:** Julia L. reported what Scott G. got in response from our letter to the Brown Bay Property LLC. They are interested in trading and easement with the township to access their lands on either side of the township land for logging purposes. The DDA discussed this and we do not want to get mixed up in easements. The new location idea

is on the north side of US41 across from the wastewater treatment area. There are a few level spots that would work. Members will look at the area when they drive by to see what they think.

5- Canoe Wrap Bid: Scott G. provided the bid document from "Signs Now" to wrap the full-size canoe planter in a birch bark design. The bid was for half of the canoe to be wrapped at a cost of \$676.02. Discussion was held and it was felt we should get more bids and why only half?

New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: None

2- Brown Bay Response: See notes from Old Business #4

3- Survey for Park Court Color: Discussion was held about the court color being purple without the public having any input. It was brought forward at the township board level and the only party to come forward was the DDA. It was never voted on by the board but was called a done-deal by the grant coordinator. We will conduct a survey of the public at large for the next six days and present the results at the township board meeting on the 13th. The survey will give the choice of green, purple, or blue-green. Residents and Seasonal Residents will be included.

4- Market Update: Julia L. reported that she had attended the Museum meeting and discussed the joint Artisans/ Car Show venue scheduled for June 22, 2024. It was decided that the DDA will cover the advertising, \$140.00 toward the band and 50 dash plaques. The poster format was discussed and agreed upon. We will meet again once the event is over to discuss how it went.

5- TIF Posting: The DDA needs a copy of the public TIF posting for its records. Laura M. informed us that the money has not been received from the county yet but expects it soon. PA 57 will be filed to the state.

6- LED Sign: Julia L. reported that the Optic Sign Company will be bringing a Demo Trailer with the sign option for us to view on May 14th. The DDA will inform the Township Board members about the date so they can join us. It will be held at the Great lakes Upholstery parking lot. The CIP request for \$9000.00 was allocated by the board toward this project.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn was made by Julia L., seconded by Rose M. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.