

Remus DDA Board Meeting June-15 2023, 5:00 Meeting called to order at 5:15 by Dee Powell President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Tom Vansyckle, Brock Crystal, MaryAnn Wernette, Lacy, Paul and Adam Fate, Public interest: Lori Todd, Stan & Tony Newcombe

Motion to accept minutes from May 2023 meeting made by Brock, seconded by Adam, all in favor motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 5/30/23 of \$45,637.88. presented by Dee, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Nila seconded by Brock, all in agreement.

Current Business discussion and overview:

1. **Park Kitchen:** No update currently
2. **Memorial Scattering Garden:** The benches will arrive this month, Nila will have them put together and placed at the Garden. The plaque in remembrance of Bill Lipar is placed by the tree. Marge Carte will be working with Mary Karcher on landscape and planting flowers. Nila suggested that when they have a day set, the DDA offer to help with planting. Mary Karcher is also working with Blanchard monument on plaques and pricing.
3. **Remus Business Highlight:** Junes highlighted business will be Isabella Bank
4. **Recycling:** MaryAnn has checked in to both Mecosta and Mec. County recycling for options. A dumpster placed in a location for use is an option we are looking into at this time. A location is still being discussed as are all options of how to get this in our community.
5. **Veterans Wall:** Dar is in the beginning stages of planning and researching options on this project.
6. **Business Directory:** Dee presented the board with options and photos of other communities' directory signs. Discussion included location, design options, businesses allowed to advertise on the board, and board designs. We were all in agreement that we would like the directory to be attached to or the same design as the welcome to Remus signs on M20. More research is being done on this current project.
7. **Wheatland Welcome:** Nila made a motion that we offer tie dyed shirts in support of Wheatland for the business owners, Brock mentioned that we do a survey monkey first offering shirts to the owners and options to buy additional shirts for staff or family members. Motion passed all were in favor. Dee will be doing the survey monkey.
8. **Summer Farmers Market:** it takes place on Sundays. Thank you to John from the Tavern for doing this for the community.
9. **Business transactions:** Nila has heard both from an employee and a contracting bidding the project that the Credit Union will be starting their Remus location soon. The drawings are being looked over for final preparations to begin construction.
10. **Town banners:** This project was a huge success with the children and families of Remus. We had a remarkable turnout for this project. BIG HUGE SHOUT OUT to Veronica Stickler and her help with making this a success for the DDA and Wheatland Music.
11. **Walking Path:** Adam reported that Billy Fate will bring as many wood chips as needed to fill in and repair the walking path. I tentative date to place chips on the path was set for July 9th in the afternoon.
12. **Disc Golf Course:** Adam and Brock will be taking on this project to implement a Disc Golf Course in Remus. Adam has played and is familiar with the space needed to begin the project.
13. **Speed Signs:** Dee reported that speed signs would cost \$5000, and we would need 4. Tom suggested that we get the digital signs from MDot at no cost and see if they improve speeding throughout town. All agreed.
14. **Business with list;** Nila brought up to the board that we should implement something she learned while on the sports boosters called a "wish list" where the business owners could attend a meeting and present to the board something they would like help with to improve their business or building. The board would then vote on it and then approve a dollar amount they are willing to help with. Etc. All were in favor of this idea. Preparations will be made to announce this to business owners.
15. **Pickle Ball Fencing:** Tom assured us this will be taken care of in the spring and has a income source from the county commission, he will be working with on this.
16. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dee Powell, seconded by Nila, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15

Next Meeting scheduled for September 13th 2023, Time: 5:00 Remus Tavern

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