

Remus DDA Meeting Minutes

Location: Fate's Bakery Date: October 13th, 2026, Time 8:00am

Roll Call/Introductions

- Board members: Stephanie Shusta, Lee Carte, Kathy Smith, Amy Noggle, Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Lacy Fate
- Public Members: Joel Groomes, Jennifer Faris-Jones, Cathy Conn, Linda Howard, Stan Newcombe, Toni Newcombe, Cindy Havens

Last Meeting Minutes Approval: Motion by Kathy, Second by Nila, no opposition

Regular Items

- Financial Update – Kathy
 - Handed out financial statement
- TWP Update – Lee Carte
 - Still looking at the liner at the ponds and working with MMPA.
 - ITC putting high transmission lines through. Letters sent to people who are affected. Website is MIFutureGrid.com.
 - School dismantle has begun, it is a slow process
 - School board agreed to a 99-year lease of the property to the township.

Guest Speaker-Jennifer Faris-Jones

Her goal is to bring people to our area, working on a travel guide that will have local events. Her contact information is: Jennifer@bigrapids.org

Current Business/Projects

- Project Planning-On hold
Plan is to put together a couple of small projects. Dee proposed someone to take the lead on the projects.
- Playground
Joel's volunteer help has gone back to school. Maybe look into getting another contractor that can volunteer. Lee said that the township bought a big tractor that could maybe help with the construction.

- Consulting Firm Update – the cost is \$200 for a session. Amy made motion to approve, Nila seconded, no opposition.
- Business Survey – There has been only one business that responded to the survey.
- Parcel Information & Questions Update – No update
- November Radio AD –
Christmas events for November
- Holiday Events – Scarecrow Contest - Halloween - Christmas-
The Christmas meeting was cancelled. New meeting date to come. The Christmas event will be at the town hall again this year. Amy will check with Student Council to help with the event. Amy made a motion to donate \$200 to the Student Council, Nila seconded, no opposition. Dee suggested that we look into purchasing blow-ups to decorate the hall, maybe one new one a year. Trunk and Treat is October 31st. The DDA will help with candy if a business needs help. Amy has only received one entry for the scarecrow contest. The DDA had Graphic Specialty made 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plaques for the winners.
- Disc Golf/ Walking Path- Adam is still waiting to hear back from Billy about dropping a load of woodchips off. Amy has the locks and arrows for the course. Kathy made a motion to move \$500 from Planning and Economic Development to Board Operation Expenses, Dee seconded, no opposition.

Open Discussion

- Business Transactions (new/sold/changing)
Kathy made a media section in the Resale Store. Working on a Christmas Store section as well.

Finley's will close for the winter. Permit is for seasonal only. Thinking about a soup menu for the future.
- Forge & Build –
Nila said they are waiting for new signs.

Old Business- N/A

Future Projects/Discussions-

Kathy Conn said the VFW suggested we build up the Disc Golf course for leagues for young kids. Jennifer Faris-Jones said she could help Kathy with that. Linda Howard mentioned that next year it will be Remus's 150th birthday. The Museum is going to work on 3 topics. One being about the PPB, another on Chief Mecosta and still working on the third topic. Their next meeting is November 18th at 4:30

Public Comment - N/A

Meeting Adjourned Next Meeting Date: November 10th, 2026