Remus DDA Meeting Minutes

Location: Fate's Bakery Date: September 8TH , 2026, Time 8:00am

Roll Call/Introductions

- Board members: Stephanie Shusta, Tracy Simon, Lee Carte, Kathy Smith, Amy Noggle, Dee Powell, Kris Beers
- Public Members: Joel Groomes

Last Meeting Minutes Approval: Motion by Dee, Second by Kris, no opposition

Regular Items

- Financial Update – Kathy
    - Closed books for last fiscal year, on new budget now
- TWP Update – Lee Carte
    - Experts have researched the waste water ponds and identified there is one that has a liner leak that will need repair. This repair will be very costly and how that will be funded is not clear at this time.
    - There has been a fence added at the park around the new tile that was laid
    - School dismantle has begun, TWP is working on the long-term lease of the entire property
    - Current plan for the property is township offices and fire hall new build if funding is available.

Current Business/Projects

- Wheatland Twp Sewer Pond Project- See above
- Playground Invoice - $240 permit for the county to do the construction, Joel is hoping to finish this as a weekend job soon.
- Consulting Firm Update – Dona Larson was contacted (through Kris Beers) but hasn't responded.
- Business Survey – Kris and Tracy are going to finish the survey and then hand them out and do the interviews later this month and early next month.
- Parcel Information & Questions Update – Kathy is still working on this list, wants to meet with the appraisers to discuss details and possibly answer/ask some additional questions with Lee if possible.
- October Radio AD – Trunk or Treat
- Holiday Events – Scarecrow Contest - Halloween - Christmas
    - Scarecrow Contest repeat of last year
        - Motion to spend up to $50 on plaques for 1,2,3 place by Dee, seconded by Amy, no opposition

        - Open to individuals and businesses
        - Will hand out with Business Survey
        - Voting on best one will be at holloween events throughout town
    - Halloween
        - Fates: 11-1
        - Janowicz: 12-2
        - Remus Bowling Center: 1-3
        - DDA will provide items to disperse to DDA district businesses that register
        - Amy made a motion to spend $1000 on trunk or treat items to pass out and Kris seconded, no opposition.
    - Christmas
        - Kathy will pick a date and avoid same day as Mt. Pleasant and Big Rapids
        - Working on a 'save the date' document to share ASAP.
- Disc Golf/ Walking Path- The township reached out requesting the DDA fix and upkeep the walking path as promised in previous conversations. Amy reached out in hopes Billy Fate can drop off a load of wood chips and Lee is going to check to see if they can get spread and the path can get chemical to remove any vegetation growth.

Open Discussion

- October Business Vitis: Kris and Tracy will be visiting all the DDA district businesses to share some items
    - Trunk or Treat update
    - Scarecrow Contest
    - Christmas Save the Date
    - Business needs Survey
- Sidewalk Sales (hosted by Skin Deep) were well attended and enjoyed.
- Remus Happenings facebook Page
- Business Transactions (new/sold/changing)
- Ribbon cuttings
    - Skin Deep Boutique and Salt Room Grand Opening- 9/18 from 4-7
    - Kathy is going to ask Finley's about one
    - Amy is going to ask Nila at Forge and Build

Old Business- N/A

Future Projects/Discussions- - N/A

Public Comment - N/A

Meeting Adjourned **Next Meeting Date: October 13th, 2026**