

Remus DDA Board Meeting March 16th, 2022 Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Dee Powell President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Tom Vansyckle, Amy Noggle, Brock Crystal, John Huff, Denise Reichert

Guest: Linda Howard

Motion to accept minutes from January 2022 meeting made by Denise Reichert, seconded by Brock Crystal all in favor motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 1-10-22 \$53,912.00. presented by Dee, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Nila Simon, seconded by Denise Reichert, all in agreement. Motion also made to approve all expenders by Nila Simon, seconded by Dee Powell, all in favor motion carried.

Current Business discussion and overview:

Park pavilion: Completed. Waiting for final inspection for the water to be turned on. Also, to be completed on this project the gutters by Nate Aldrich, which should be put up when the weather breaks.

Park walking path: We are waiting on more chips per Brock for the path completion.

Memorial scattering Garden: Nila presented a bid obtained by Dan Wernette for the cement patio, memorial wall, pillars, and sidewalk. It was decided by the board to place our concentration more on the downtown businesses and development. This project was tabled by the DDA at this time.

Events:

New Business Discussed:

1. **Remus Historical Grant:** Linda Howard reported that the Historical Society received a grant in the amount of \$5000 for a moving forward campaign. With this grant they would like to gather ideas on growth in a community forum where ideas could publicly be discussed by residents, business owners, and interested parties on what they would like to see happen in Remus. A townhall meeting has been scheduled for April 27th at 6:00 pm. There will be a speaker present with a background in economic growth. Mary Anne agreed to attend on behalf of the DDA and bring back information to the board in May. The DDA agreed to try to gather information through a survey monkey, where residents can state what they would like to see happen in Remus now and in the future.
2. **Grand Openings:** Healthy Acres will be having a Grand Opening on a Friday in May; Fate's bakery has agreed to do theirs on May 7th. Dee suggested we do both that day and will be in contact with Healthy Acres to see if that date will work for them.
3. **DDA Advertisement:** Nila presented a sign to be placed on the walking path, to advertise the DDA and thank Bandit for the donation of wood chips. Brock made a motion to approve the sign as per design presented. Denise seconded the motion all in favor. The sign will be placed on the existing structure used to house the Tractor pull sign.
4. **Welcome to Remus Signs:** The signs have dulled and need to be refinished agreed upon by all. Nila will be contacting Russ from signfab and getting a quote on the re-paint and re-seal of the signs at that time we will discuss with the township if this will be in their budget. We start the project, and they maintain them, we feel this would be maintenance.
5. **Remus Heritage Day car show shirts:** Dee made a motion that we again sponsor the purchase of the car show shirts in the amount of \$1000 dollars. Brock seconded in all in favor, motion passed
6. **2022-2023 budget:** Denise will be preparing budget for approval at the April meeting by the DDA and the township
7. **Open Discussion**
 1. **Marijuana ordinance:** The DDA's unanimous decision on this ordinance is that we will support any new or existing business venture in Remus and would welcome the traffic and potential growth this may bring to our town.
 2. **Neighboring DDA visits:** Dee and Nila did attend an Evert DDA meeting and reported back to the board their procedures.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nila Simon, seconded by Amy Noggle, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:56

Next Meeting will take place April 11th 6:00 Wheatland Township Hall

