

**Remus DDA Board Meeting January 10th time 6:00** Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Dee Powell President

**Members Present:** Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Tom Vansyckle, Amy Noggle, Brock Crystal, Dar Wernette, Denise Reichert

**Guest:** Linda Howard

Motion to accept minutes from October 2021 meeting made by Dar Wernette, seconded by Dee all in favor motion carried.

**Bank Balance** as of 1-10-22 \$53,917.99. 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:** No updates currently. Gutter, seed, and final water inspection all included in last installment.

**Park walking path:** Nila will be contacting Bandit for sign information to be placed at the head of the path in thanks for them and their donation of chips.

**Memorial scattering Garden:** Nila visited location with Dan Wernette, Dan measured area and will be getting us a quote soon on concrete pad, sidewalk, and memorial wall.

**Events:** Denise stated there were aprox. 60 teddy bears handed out at the Santa breakfast; the event had great community participation. Amy reported on the trunk or treat which also had great community participation, with estimated 200 bags given out. Both were a success

**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 mid-summer deadline is needed to accomplish this goal. Also suggested was to do a survey money on Facebook to gather information on ideas. Dee mentioned that they had pre-covid started a group call Remus thrive headed up by Pam Burke. Dee will try to gather information they had discussed and try to get them involved in this as well.
2. **Grand Openings:** Healthy Acres is holding off on the grand opening until possibly spring. The dollar general will be having a grand opening with us on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. They will be handing out bags, and coupons at this opening celebration. Fate's bakery still is not finished, will schedule a time when they are completed up and running.
3. **Remus.Org;** Dee suggested that we place a community calendar on Remus.org with local events and dates of our meeting and others in the area.
4. **Board Member Review:** The board looked over the board members and discussed rules. Dee made a motion to remove from the board members who have not attended consecutive meetings, for a period of months. Nila seconded that motion all in favor motion carried. With that motion approved we will remove Bob McCall, Bill Lipar, Amy Snyder, and Al Crystal from the board. We will add Brock Crystal in place of Al and are hoping to get some new board members active soon.

**Open Discussion**

1. **Marijuana ordinance:** The township held a special meeting to discuss the ordinance. They are in the beginning stages of discussion. Brought to the attention of the public at this meeting was information that neighboring towns who have brought such a store in have not increased foot traffic to the town, nor have they seen an increase in crime, they do although see a tax revenue increase that such a store brings with it. Dee suggested we attend a wheatland township meeting as a board in support of the ordinance.
2. **Neighboring DDA visits:** Dee and Nila will be attending Evert's DDA meeting February or March. With that visit they plan to bring back information on how they run things. The plan is to educate the board with surrounding DDA procedures and policies along with obtaining new ideas for growth. We will try to visit other surrounding areas as well at some point.
3. **Business transactions:** The hot spot closed and is currently for sale. New businesses opened this quarter one to report, Dollar general.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Brock Crystal, seconded by Amy Noggle, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 **Next Meeting will take place** March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Wheatland Township Hall