

Remus DDA Board Meeting

December 10, 2024

Location/Fate's Bakery

8:00 Meeting called to order by Amy Noggle at 8:00

Present: Adam Fate, Lacy Fate, Paul Fate, Amy Noggle, Lori Todd, Tom VanSyckle, Dennis Braman, Tracy Jernstadt, Toni Newcombe, Stan Newcombe, Tracy Simon, Brock Crystal, Denise Reichert, Marvin Baumann.

Last Meeting Minutes Approval Nila motioned, Lori seconded, all approved

Bank Balance Kathy was not present. Amy said our budget did not pass the audit. Kathy and Amy will be meeting in January to go over it. Tom said the budget needs to be amended for the fiscal year.

Business Wish List Requests none currently.

Township Update Tom said the new fence (front ball field) should be done by the end of the month. Tom said they would be applying for the META funds again.

Current Business/Projects

Disc Golf Course Adam said they got trees cleaned up that had fell down. We hear people are utilizing the course. The rest of the course will not be done until next spring. Flying Acres Drones will do a video showing the park/course in the spring when the landscape is better.

Breakfast with Santa Dec 14th Denise will be stopping in to talk to Maike Gingrich. She has 65-70 bears all bagged up for the kids. Amy said there were 2 boxes of cookies left over from the Holiday Festival. Amy met John at the town hall and put them in the freezer to give out at the breakfast along with the left over candy canes and napkins.

Storage Amy suggested we get a storage shed to store all of our event totes in. Tom said to bring it up at the Board Meeting to get it approved with the township.

Breakfast with Santa Dec 14th Amy said the Knights of Columbus, Remus Lions Club and the Wheatland Fire Department will be doing it. Denise is getting a Santa for the event. The DDA will contribute to the event as well..

New Topics/Projects

Easter Amy said we will start planning and budgeting for it in the February meeting.

Prepare Budget will start at the next meeting for approval in April.

Veterans Memorial Amy talked to Bob McCall about a fund-raising event at the Bowling Alley, he has nothing available for an event at this time.

Park Benches/Trash Cans We tabled this until spring.

Pickle Ball – Fundraiser (Spring 2025) This tabled until spring.

Past Topics/Projects

Remus Hometown Christmas It was a good turnout for the first year. We had about 15 students from The Chip Hills Student Council who came out to help with the Hot Cocoa Bar, Chili Cook off, Cookie and ornament decorating. Mike Haven won the Chili Cook off. We had no bake-off entries. Overall, everything went well. Ebels made the cookies, and Denise made the Hot Chocolate. The Student Council had tip jars out and will also be getting a \$150.00 donation from the DDA.

Open Discussion

Business new/changing/sold businesses Skin Deep hopes to open in January in the old Hot Spot building. The daycare received the approval from the County to open in the old church building. They hope to open in May.

Township meeting topic/ Follow Up No update from MMPA buying the Leprino building but there is talk about maybe some sort of dairy industry being interested in the building from Evert.

Future Projects/Discussions

School Property Tom said there is no update as of right now. Marvin Baumann said he was very impressed with the DDA work in the community and how nice the Holiday Festival was. Marvin was wondering if the DDA could see if they could get some of the empty buildings opened with businesses and try and get more housing in our area. Amy asked if the township had any ideas since we have been working on it for a time now. Nila suggested that maybe some of the landlords could offer the first three months free. Kris suggested Chris Zimmerman would be able to give some insight. A suggestion was made that the township could offer help with the sewer bill. Marvin Baumann said that in Canadian Lakes you have to be a member to play on the pickle ball courts now and he thinks a pickle ball court would bring a lot of people to our town. A suggestion was made that we get someone to write a grant for the pickle ball fencing project. Kris asked about the business spotlight. Amy said Dee was working on Remus Historical Society. Amy said we have made several attempts to SIR Heating for a grand opening, but no date has been set yet (Amy said the timing is just not right). Tom suggested we show John some appreciation for all his hard work that he has done for the town. Amy said we would see what we can do and send an email for everyone to vote on.

Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15, Dee seconded it, all in favor.

Next meeting Date December 10th @ 8am Fate's Bakery

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