

Remus DDA Board Meeting March 20, 2023, 5:00 Meeting called to order at 5:15 by Dee Powell President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Tom Vansyckle, Amy Noggle, MaryAnn Wernette, Denise Reichert, Dar Wernette Guest Cindy Havens, Linda Wernette Kris Beers, and Stan Newcombe(wolf)

Motion to accept minutes from November 2022 meeting made by Dee, seconded by Denise with one spelling error correction, all in favor motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 2/28/23 21,067.91. presented by Dee, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Nila Simon, seconded by Amy Noggle, all in agreement.

Current Business discussion and overview:

Park Kitchen: Denise has found a stove on marketplace for the cost of \$700.00. And is working on countertops, Stainless steel island, cupboards, and sink basin. Electrical was questioned if it is finished or would be up to code for the stove. Denise will be checking on all the above and report to us in the April meeting of her findings. Jeff Story was suggested to do the work to finish walls.

Memorial Scattering Garden: Nila reported that the memorial wall is up, Wernette Masonry will be finishing up the concrete pad and sidewalk in the spring. Dee made a motion that we pay up to \$2000 for two benches to sit at this location, Amy seconded, all in favor motion carried. Nila will obtain quotes and present them at the April meeting.

Remus Business Highlight: Tabled

New Business Discussed:

1. **Recycling:** MaryAnn will be gathering information on Recycling from Big Rapids area. Dee is still gathering information and rules from Stephanie at Morton township to move forward on this project.
2. **Veterans Wall:** Dar is working on this project, gathering ideas and information. He suggested keeping it simple, earth tones and something that represents the veterans but also the simplicity of Remus.
3. **Business Directory:** Tabled.
4. **Wheatland Welcome:** Nila has left messages with Lola. Lola did reply after the meeting and said that she would be honored to have the town represent them as it was their 50th, with banners and such. The program director of Wheatscouts is Veronica Stickler, Lola forwarded information to her to have the kids do a banner program.
5. **Summer Farmers Market;** Dee presented information that the residents have been asking if the town could once again have the market. Renee Earle was suggested to head this up, Nila will contact Renee and see if there is interest in doing so.
6. **Remus Heritage days;** Dee asked if the DDA would like to donate \$1200 dollars to the car show T Shirts. Nila asked if there was somewhere else that the DDA Logo or representation would be better recognized. Discussion and ideas were brought up. The donation was tables until April's meeting after looking at all possibilities.
7. **Business transactions:** old and new businesses and ideas discussed. How to grow Remus discussed Nila asked if the Remus DDA could possibly purchase buildings and rent or sell them to promote getting things to Remus. Dee will be looking into that and present answers to the board at the April meeting.
8. **Doctor in Remus;** MaryAnn mention that her doctor from Lakeview was looking for a place in Remus to doctor. She will be talking to the eye doctor and was hoping to use a room in his building, until she is up and running.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dee Powell, seconded by Nila, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06

Next Meeting scheduled for April 20th 5:00 Remus Tavern

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