

Remus DDA Board Meeting October 17 time 5:30 Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Dee Powell, President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Amy Noggle, Dar Wernette, Denise Reichert, Linda Wernette, Ian Ruggles

Motion to accept minutes from September 22 meeting made by Dar Wernette, seconded by Dee all in favor motion carried.

Bank Balance as of 1-10-22 \$30,700.88.81. presented by Denise, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Amy Noggle, seconded by Dee Powell, all in agreement.

Current Business discussion and overview:

Park pavilion: Dee reported the township approved the DDA buying equipment for the park pavilion moving forward. They said no gas-powered equipment. Denise met with CHSD and they agreed to give the township the stove, oven and hood from the Mosaic School, the timing of that has not been finalized due to the school future still being up in the air. Denise is going to reach out to Jim Wernette from Unified Brands to get an estimate on Shelving, Countertop, freezer, stove and steam tables and then we are hoping to apply for a grant through Leppinos to purchase these things in their next fiscal year donations (December)

Memorial scattering Garden: No update, no motion for this project from last month.

Remus Survey: There was conversations about the results that were sent home. Numerous people mentioned speed as a concern, Denise is going to research and look into possibly having the DDA purchase some road signs that flash the speed limit if allowed by MDOT.

Grand openings: We reached out to Trelan by Bandit and Perfect Paws and are waiting for them to schedule anything.

New Business Discussed:

- 2022 Holiday Planning:** Trunk or Treat is ready to go, Amy purchased some small stuffed animals and is picking up candy. The lumber yard is going to deliver the signs to the funeral home.
Denise will be helping the fire department with their breakfast by supplying stuffed bears to be handed out by Santa from the DDA. The date is still to be determined for that event.
A check was written to Pam Bell to purchase candy for the fire department to hand out on Halloween night. The scarecrow contest is open for entries, we currently have around 8 signed up and participating.
John Ruggles came to discuss the Breakfast with Santa, we are hoping to do it December 10th at St. Michaels. The Fire department will host breakfast as a fundraiser and the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus are willing to help however possible for the event. The DDA will supply Santa and stuffed bears to give to the kids. Denise is going to purchase more bears to ensure we have enough as we are combining two events so we aren't sure how many children to expect. Once he confirms the date we will plan a time for all four entities to sit down and work out the details (Lions Club, St. Michael's Knights of Columbus, Wheatland Township Fire Department, Remus DDA).
Halloween Trick or Treating will take place in Remus on Oct 31 from 5-7, please post and share.
- Downtown Banners:** Tabled until next meeting.
- Remus Flowers:** We agreed to hire Bubba for the creation and upkeep of the flower pots in Remus for the 2023 calendar year.
- Event Planning:** We discussed possibly finding someone to do this, but questioned paying others to 'do our jobs' but not being able to pay ourselves to do it. This will need further discussion if we want to do so.

Open Discussion

- Business transactions:** Salon Twenty1 is being remodeled and does not have an open date.
- Business After Hours:** Denise does plan on doing this in 2023 if there is interest from business owners.
- Remus Recycle:** Stephanie McNeal is the primary organizer of it for Morton Township, we would like to invite her to a DDA meeting to discuss the process to see if we can duplicate or get an idea to bring this to our township.
- Veterans Memorial:** Dar has gone around and looked at a few different memorials and has some ideas. Dee is going to reach out to Lisa and Barnum and see if they could design something for us for the space outside the hall.

5. **Mr. Ruggles:** He mentioned he would like to be added to our organization as he has done a lot for this town in the past and would enjoy looking for, writing and assisting with getting grants to help better Remus and 'bring it back'.
6. **Meetings:** It was discussed to do meetings on different nights the week prior to the township meetings so that they can be similar to this meeting, more relaxed and social, and then we can do it in businesses in Remus: the bowling alley (Matt McCall), Crustys, Tavern, etc to hopefully get those businesses involved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dar Wernette, seconded by Amy Noggle, all in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Next Meeting will take place November 21, 2022