

# Remus DDA Board Meeting

September 10th, 2024

## Location/Fate's Bakery

8:00 Meeting called to order by Amy Noggle at 8:05

Present: Paul Fate, Adam Fate, Lacy Fate, Nila Simon, Amy Noggle, Kathy Smith, Dee Powell, Lori Todd, Tom VanSyckle, Linda Howard, Rebecca Wineman, RJ Havens, Cindy Havens, Dennis Braman, Tracy Jernstadt, Kevin Thiel and Tammy.

**Last Meeting Minutes Approval** Nila motioned, Kathy seconded, all approved

**Bank Balance** Presented by Kathy Smith, Kathy requested the balance from Mary, but did not get it in time for the meeting. Kathy asked that all receipts be submitted to her. Kathy created budget categories so we will know the balance of each project we are working on.

**Business Wish List Requests** none currently.

**Remus Historical Society** Linda Howard and Rebecca Wineman passed out a survey for everyone to fill out and return along with a newsletter for the RAHS. Linda said they are offering a "How to Build Your Family Tree For Beginners".

**Township Update** Tom said Billy Fate has kept the walking path covered well with wood chips. The Pavilion is all done. The Township has hung the Wheatland banners.

## Current Business/Projects

**Town Flowers** Amy spoke with Charles, and he indicated that he would like to open a greenhouse. Charles is looking into putting mums in the flowerpots for the fall. Lori said that Nila had spoken with Charles about the pots in front of Isabella Bank and he indicated that the sprinklers are over watering the pots. Lori suggested they move the pots by the benches to the east. Amy suggested Isabella Bank contact the sprinkler company to move the sprinklers. Lori said it was the first year that the sprinklers caused an issue.

**Veterans Memorial** Nila and Lori said it has really taken the back burner with all the other projects going on right now. Dennis said he has some plans drawn up and would like to see about using the property that Isabella Bank owns where the gazebo sits on.

**Disc Golf Course** Adam said there was one hole left to clean up and then we will be ready to dig holes for the poles. Amy talked to Deb Niedzielski (4-H) who is going to talk to Myra about a spring clean up at the 4-H next meeting (October?). Amy also spoke to Max's Concrete about the cement pads and poles. They suggested we rent a mud buggy to move the concrete back to the woods. Dee said to have the sign at the park for the course made by the same company so they all match. Jeff who has been helping Adam suggested a name Rolling Roots for the course. Adam is to come up with five names and have a vote to name the Disc Golf Course. Adam said we should get Zac's class from Chippewa Hills in the loop for making the signs for each hole. Dee made a motion for \$1200.00 to go the school for the signs, Nila seconded it, all in favor. Dee made a motion for \$250.00 for sponsorship of the holes, Adam seconded it, all in

favor. Adam will be sending a picture of the signs for approval. Amy said to reply to all when you vote. Amy suggested to price rubber pads instead of cement pads until we can find a way to put in the cement pads. Amy also mentioned no trash cans in the woods, so the township did not have to empty them.

**Remus Park Signs** signs are in production no update currently.

**Promotional Door Stickers for Businesses/Websites** signs did not fall into the budget of \$500 from Graphic Design the cost would be \$700.00 for 125 decals. Kathy made a motion to raise it to \$700.00, Adam seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Scattering Garden** Kris said the granite is up and Mary is working on the plaques. Nila said it is beautiful.

**Business Spotlight** Dee said that the survey monkey renewal is \$200.00, Amy made a motion to renew the survey monkey and Nila seconded it, all in favor. Linda Howard said the Remus Historical Society would be the next business in the spotlight.

## **Past Topics/Projects**

**Remus Speed Signs** the outcome of the speed study could hurt us more than help us, so we are taking this off the table.

**Antique Store Grand Opening 6/22** Kathy said it was a huge success, she has added new vendors and opened up part of the back for more room. 104 people visited the store over Wheatland Music Festival.

**SIR Grand Opening** Amy has made two attempts to get a date for a grand opening but has not gotten a response back.

**Farmers Table Grand Opening** Dennis said he is very busy and will get back to us with a date.

**AMA Heart Saver CPR Financial Assistance-Early Aug Approved \$360 / 9 students.** We have not received the bill yet.

## **New Topics/Projects**

**Remus Historical Society** Linda Howard said they have a video that is about 40 minutes long that can be played at businesses.

**Remus Little League** No one showed up from the league, but Linda Howard said the MET funds from the County was approved for \$15,000 for the ball fields in Remus. Linda said the funds can be sent when the Township gets quotes. They would like to have it done by the end of the year.

**Assisting Daycare with Elevator Needs** Tamara from Natural Wonders said they would have one employee in the kitchen which is located in the basement of the old church building they bought. ADA requirements are they have a ramp or an elevator that would cost up to \$100,000 or more. The elevator would have very limited use. They are still looking to come to Remus, but it would have to be if they can sell the building that they already purchased. Nila suggested the old Hot Spot building and maybe reaching out to Steve Lobert about the empty lot next to it.

**Benches for the walking trail/disc golf** Nila thought the price of the benches were around \$1200.00. She will be looking to get the prices of the benches. Maybe 3 benches, 2 in the woods and one at the beginning of the course.

**Trunk or Treat Oct 26** last year we had almost 500 kids. Let Mellisa know if you are going to participate. Dee said we should have food for the kids again this year but it should be free. Dee will be checking on food for the event. Adam and Tom said they could donate the hotdogs if they could get someone to cook and serve them.....everyone starts looking at Kevin Thiel.

**Scarecrow Contest** we all agreed we would like to have the scarecrow contest back this year. Dee is going to check with John to see if we can use the parking lot for those who want to display one there or it can be displayed at your business. Prizes will be the same as last year. Amy made the motion to the contest and Kathy seconded the motion, all approved.

## **Open Discussion**

**Business new/changing/sold businesses** JD Arms has moved to the old Phat Matt building. Rumors are Ace Hardware is opening in the old Family Dollar store.

### **Future Projects/Discussions**

**Pickle Ball Fence – Fall 2024** Tom said the fences around the baseball field are around \$40,000.00

**Remus School Property** no update

**Remus Recycle** Stephanie McNeal not present

**Fates Fall Fest is October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Amy said to make sure everyone replies to all whenever we have to do a vote via email

Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22, all in favor.

**Next meeting Date October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8am Fate's Bakery**

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