

Remus DDA Board Meeting

November 12, 2024

Location/Fate's Bakery

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

Present: Adam Fate, Lacy Fate, Amy Noggle, Dee Powell, Lori Todd, Tom VanSyckle, Dennis Braman, Tracy Jernstadt, Toni Newcombe, Stan Newcombe, Tracy Simon, Brock Crystal.

Last Meeting Minutes Approval Amy motioned, Adam seconded, all approved

Bank Balance Kathy was not present. Amy passed out an activity report for the Wheatland Twp.

Business Wish List Requests none currently.

Township Update Tom said Leprino is not staying. They should be done by the end of the year 2025. MMPA is interested in the building. Township will have to take on the Wastewater Treatment. Christmas lights and banners will be going up. New fence 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 there were some trees that have fallen in the woods. Adam has utilized the course along with other people using it. Water is holding on some of the pads. The rest of the course will not be done until next spring. Adam suggested the course be named "Wheatland Hills". All in favor of "Wheatland Hills". Flying Acres Drones will do a video showing the park/course. When all the sponsorship comes in we can pay Jeff \$1200.00 for his help on the course.

Remus Park Signs Amy said the signs are done and the sign guy may be retiring. Dee suggested we may want to get the disc golf sign before he retires.

Remus Hometown Christmas Amy had flyers made and they are posted for the event. Dennis said we need volunteers for the event. Amy said Student Council agreed to the Hot Cocoa Bar. Dennis said the property at the Bank was not going to work, the ground is too uneven. A tent is not an option, too much money to rent and they don't do rentals for tents in the winter months. Amy made a motion to give student council a donation of \$150, Dee seconded it, all in favor. Tom said the permit was sent in for the parade and there was no word from the Posie yet. Dennis had a trophy made for the Business light contest. It would be a traveling trophy. Dennis had shirts made for the Chili Cookoff. Dennis has the tree for the tree lighting. Tom said the tree lighting would work at the gazebo on the Bank's property. Dee suggested we have singers, maybe kids from the schools. Dennis has a Santa for the event and is checking with the library to see if they want to read a Christmas book. Tom said the cookie decorating could be at the library.

Breakfast with Santa Dec 14th Denise was not present but 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.

Business Spotlight Dee will reach out to Linda Howard again.

Scarecrow Contest Update Amy said there were 7 participants. Voting was done at the Remus Tavern.

Trunk or Treat Update Amy said there was around 400 kids this year, a little down from last year. Fates said they had around 250 kids. Tom said that Remus did not have a lot of kids in town this year.

Scattering Garden Amy said this project is done and Nila had put some fake greenery out there to spruce it up. Amy suggested we add flowers in the spring. Nila said the Scattering Garden is going to be in the paper. Tom said that Nila's plaque is in for her son.

Lamar Billboard Amy said the sign was up for renewal. The cost to renew it is \$4,700.00. Amy made motion to not renew the sign, Brock 2nd it and all was in favor.

New Topics/Projects

Veterans Memorial Amy said this is a 2025 project. Lori said she asked Isabella Bank about the property, and they are not interested in selling the property or using the property for the memorial. Dennis said he was able to get into contact with Bob from the Remus Bowling Center about a Bowl-A-Thon fund raising event. Amy said she will try and reach out to Bob. We have \$15,000.00 set aside for the memorial. Tom said the lots across the Township Hall are about \$50,000.

Park Benches/Trash Cans We tabled this until spring.

Pickle Ball – Fundraiser (Spring 2025) Tom said fence is just under \$30,000. This tabled until spring.

Past Topics/Projects

QR Code Remus.org Decals Amy passed out the decals last month.

Open Discussion

Business new/changing/sold businesses Tadpoles is closing at the end of the school year. Skin Deep is going to lease the old Hot Spot building.

January Winter Break Amy made a motion to skip the January meeting, Dee seconded it, all in favor.

Future Projects/Discussions

Remus Recycle Tom said the State is making every county get involved in recycling.

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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