

Remus DDA

Meeting Minutes

Location: Fate's Bakery

Date: December 9, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM

Roll Call/Introductions/Reports

- Board Members/Public Members

DDA Board Present: Tracy Jernstadt, Kathy Smith, Dee Powell, Adam Fate, Jen Fraye, Amy Noggle, Tracy Simon, Nila Simon,

TWP Board Present Tom Vansyckle,

Guests: Linda Howard, Steve Norton, Toni Newcomb,

Last Meeting Minutes: Dee made a motion to approve, Nila Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.

Business Wish List Requests

- Skin Deep Salon
 - needs a new furnace, cost will be around \$4500
 - plans to do fundraising but is asking for any help
- Dee made a motion to provide a \$500 supportive payment to Skin Deep to be used on furnace repairs, Nila seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.

Financial Update – see report, we will need to do a budget update to amend the amounts in certain categories such as advertising. Dee made a motion to approve, Tracy Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.

TWP Update- Tom Vansyckle: John is out of the office on medical leave, so they have hired someone to take over while he is out. Taco Bell was provided with the school's information as Tom feels that is the only viable option for their request. They are looking for three quarters of an acre as close to the corner as possible. The board is going to encourage businesses to communicate with the school that they would like to see Taco Bell come to town.

Current Business/Projects

- Linda Howard (America- Michigan 250 grant)- Remus Area Historical Society is all encompassing of the east side of Mecosta County. They are working on acquiring a grant for \$15,000 to provide improvements to the little river schoolhouse at School Section Lake and for educational projects and programming in the celebration year. Linda is asking the DDA to write a letter of support of the grant the historical society is working on and possibly offer to provide a \$250 donation if the grant is approved to assist with their matching campaign. Amy made a motion to approve, Tracy Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board. Dee will work on a letter with Linda.
- ADA Compliance Update- in 2027 everything having to do with the township (including the DDA) must be ADA compliance. This could have an impact on our website/social media presence. More to come from the township on direction.

- Christmas Event- Decorating the tree Thursday afternoon, all are welcome and encouraged to come help. Need more volunteers Saturday night for the parade if anyone is available.
- Monthly Remus Events- Dee is going to talk with Rachel on this and follow up at our next meeting.
- B103.9 Proposal- after much discussion the board agrees that this advertising has added value for our businesses. Dee made a motion to approve the \$2000 annual quote, Tracy Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.
- Member Update: It was discussed to add Tracy Jernstead, Stephanie Shusta and Jen Fraye to our board as voting members. Dee made a motion to approve, Tracy Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved by the board.
- January Meeting- this will be skipped due to weather and lack of need.

Open Discussion

- Business Transactions
 - Update on the bookstore- he had some health issues, hopes to open in the spring.
 - Pet Groomer- Amy will reach out and ask about a ribbon cutting
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- Isabella Bank Giveaway- go vote for Angels of Actions
- Bill Fate purchased the land behind the carwash, hopes to make it residential living for either double wide or modular trailers in the future.
- **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2026 @ 8:00 at Fate's

Future Projects/Discussions