

Remus DDA Board Meeting April 19, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:10 by Dee Powell President

Members Present: Dee Powell, Amy Noggle, Nila Simon, MaryAnn Wernette, Denis Reichert, Dar Wernette Tom Vanscyle.

Approval of Minutes: Last minutes recorder due to covid were January 2020

Old Business discussion and overview: Leprino Donation to the pavilion, pavilion contribution by township, future timeline of completion of park project

Bank Balance as of 4-19-21 \$80,429.49. presented by Denise, motion made to approve balance in checkbook by Dee Powel, seconded by Nila Simon, all in agreement. Motion also made to approve all **expenders** by Nila Simon, seconded by Dee Powell, all in favor motion carried.

Business Discussed:

- 1. WEBSITE UPDATE:** Motion made by Denise for the DDA to pay initial cost of set up by Benny Blanzly Corp to set up and design the new remus.org page in the amount of \$4500.00, the township is to pay the monthly maintenance fee of \$50.00 a month. The yearly fee of \$350.00 to be split as follows DDA \$100, Remus Heritage days \$100, Historical association \$100.00, Wheatland Township \$50. Nila seconded motion, all in favor motion carried.
- 2. LEPRINO DONATION:** Leprino will not be donating to the construction of the pavilion. Dar Wernette from Leprino corporation said they have \$5000 to put in the community. It was suggested by Denise that we find two walk in coolers for the park project/Remus Heritage days beer tent usage. Everyone agreed. After the meeting Denise did find two coolers and is awaiting Leprino's response on possible purchase.
- 3. LOGO/SLOGAN;** Dee brought up the discussion that we needed to update the slogan from the current Farms, Friends, Families to something more modern that would catch the eye of both business and residents. Many ideas were discussed none decided on. In the end we decided to have Blanzly's while designing the web page also design a new logo. All in favor of that idea.
- 4. AMENDING THE BUDGET;** A motion to amend the budget was made by Dar to raise the amount to \$800 for the car show shirts, seconded by Denise all in favor, motion carried.
- 5. FLOWER QUOTE;** Stephane McNeal will continue doing the town flowers and fall decorations. Motion made by Nila to except her quote in the amount of \$4318.00, seconded by Amy motion carried.
- 6. WELCOME TO REMUS;** Amy Noggle headed up this idea, ideas were tossed around on how and what to do to welcome new businesses to Remus. We ended the discussion with a gift basket approach that we would put gift certificates and/or a small gift in for each business that wanted to participate, and something from the DDA. No final decisions were made on the baskets we will revisit in the future.
- 7. PAVILION PROJECT:** JBS was granted the bid to do the bathroom project on the pavilion, they will begin the project in late August.
- 8. PARK WALKING PATH:** Dee Powell and Nila Simon met with Tom and John on implementing a walk path at the park for residents and visitor's to use. The path will be aprox. ¼ mile in length and will extend through the top portion of the park around the baseball field and tractor pull area. John will be heading up this project, Nila is looking for a donation of wood chips from Bandit to line the trail, if received we will name the trail Bandit walk.
- 9. FARMERS MARKET;** The Remus tavern last year started a farmers market in the area they developed in downtown Remus. It was a success and will continue this year. We discussed our interest in helping them in anyway or with anything they need to continue to make this a success. John from the Tavern said he will be heading up the market and will contact the DDA if they need help in the future.

Other Items Discussed:

None to report

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dee at 6:10, seconded by Nila, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next and future meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 6:00 prior to the township board meeting with is 7:00

Next Meeting Monday May 17th at 6:00.