

**Remus DDA Board Meeting Friday 2-9, 2024 8:00** Meeting called to order at 8:05 by Dee Powell President

**Members Present:** Dee Powell, Nila Simon, Amy Noggle, Lori Todd, Tony Newcombe, Stan Newcombe, Denise Reichert, Paul, Adam and Lacy Fate, MaryAnn Wernette, Kathy Smith, and Kris Beers

Motion to accept minutes from October 2023 meeting made by Amy, seconded by Dee, all in favor with a couple spelling corrections motion carried.

**Bank Balance;** \$33,857.73

**Township Update:** None reported (Tom was not present)

**Current Business** discussion and overview:

1. **Easter Egg Hunt:** Tabled No changes from January.
2. **Walking Path:** Tabled No changes from January.
3. **Veterans Wall:** No update currently, looking for someone to head up this project.
4. **Billboard:** Amy has done a terrific job of research and design on the sign. We are currently leaning more towards a shop local sign versus the directory sign, as the designer of the board decided lettering would be too small to read as you drive by. Amy will be getting more design information and cost for final approval.
5. **Remus Speed Signs:** Denise spoke with Brian from Cadillac. She will be doing more research and will let us know if a speed study must be done before we can move forward with the highlighted speed signs.
6. **Disc Golf Course:** Adam Fate presented a blueprint of the disk golf course at the township meeting. It was approved to move forward by the township board, with the 9 hole and possibly the 18 holes if the ground is not too wet for the larger course within the woods area. Adam highly suggested the 18-hole course as it will bring more people to town.
7. **Pavilion:** Denise was under the understanding that we would be finishing off the area with a wall between the kitchen serving area and the beer serving area, and a closet would be installed for storage in the kitchen area for brooms, mops, and such, that would be unsightly if left out in the serving area. The contractor started the work framed up the closet, and Tom from the township board halted the project saying neither were approved by the board. The walls have been insulated and osb had been installed to cover insulation. The rest of the project is at a standstill until everyone agrees on what is to be completed, so we can buckle up the project.
8. **Election of officers:** Officers terms will be up in June 2024. Nila created a list of general duties for each position for members to review, for possible interested in positions and board seats. We will nominate in May and finalize in June.
9. **Business Transactions:** Kathy Smith has purchased the new to you by Gingrich and will be opening Remus Antiques and more hopefully by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kathy also is considering opening a ice cream place next door. Anna Maries has their equipment for sale and that location will be back up for lease when the equipment is sold.
10. **Leprino's:** We have been told they are trying to fill the building and not leave Remus high and dry. We will do what we can to help keep something in Remus and would hate to see the building empty.

**Open Discussions:** Adam would like to see the basketball courts at the park be used for a gus macker tournament, he will be contacting the basketball coaches from the high-school and see if they would be interested in starting one in Remus for Heritage days or just in general. Lacy would like to see the DDA have a booth at their 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary event. We will revisit that with ideas at the next meeting. Dee would like a new park sign to go up that is larger with more information about the park such as basketball courts, baseball fields, walking path, playground, picnic area, exercise equipment, etc, to draw people to use the park.

Motion to adjourn made by Dee at 8:55 all in favor.

**Next Meeting** scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am Fates Coffee Shop.

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