

Perry Township DDA

Minutes for Meeting October 20, 2021

Call to order: Robert Piro called the meeting to Order at 6:30 PM

Pledge to flag: The Pledge to the US Flag was conducted

Member Roll Call – Present: Robert Piro, Stacey Matthews, Adam Elsesser, Robert Taylor; Joe Audia; Mark Fulks

Absent: Brian Pfeifle, Angela Falzon & Kris Morse

Guests: Sue Hammond, Mayor of Perry, MI; Justin Horvath, SEDP

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda by Joe Audia; seconded by Stacey Matthews. All Ayes.

Opportunity for the Public to address the DDA Board: None

Approval of the Minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting: Motion to approve the Minutes with correction by Joe Audia; seconded by Stacey Matthews. All Ayes.

Treasurer's Report/Approval: Report presented and reviewed. Motion to accept by Bob Piro; seconded by Robert Taylor. All Ayes.

Old Business:

1. Rose Blvd - Pavement discussion - continued to discuss options and decided to wait until the Grant Application is considered in March, 2022 before allocation of any funding.
2. Update on Lighting Project – Consumers Energy Cost Estimates – A detailed costing was presented by the Statewide Lighting Coordinator, Kristen Greenwood. It outlined the City of Perry's share of the Lighting/Poles from Burger King to Elsesser Auto and from McDonalds to Britton Rd. Also detailed the cost for LED Lighting/Poles for Perry Township from Britton Rd to Ruess Rd (Signature Ford). The DDA Board noted the higher cost estimate from a few years ago and the Mayor noted that they do NOT have any monies earmarked or set aside for a project of this size. She noted that they were in the process of hiring a Grants Administrator and noted that this is an excellent proposal for a proposed Grant or funding opportunity. Members of the DDA Board suggested that Sue Hammond and Mark Fulks meet with Rafael Turner (our representative from Consumers Energy) as well as Kristen Greenwood (if possible) to go over the proposal in detail and report back to the Board in January, 2022.

3. Discuss update by-laws of the Township DDA – It was discussed and noted that the format of the old by-laws are not in PDF or easily transferable format and suggested that we contact the Perry Schools to see if we could engage a student who would be interested in inputting it to a format we could review and change. Mark Fulks stated that he would reach out to the Principal and see if this could be arranged.

New Business:

1. Update on SEDP activities - Justin Horvath presented a couple businesses and construction that are moving into the DDA District. He also gave a brief overview of several of the SEDP activities that are on-going.
2. Update on Grant Application Process for the Water / Water Tower Application – The Mayor and Mark Fulks discussed their meeting on Sept 22nd with the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners Finance Meeting outlining the needs of the City of Perry (a) Water Tower painting; and (b) second Water Pumping Station and new Water Tower on Old Lansing Road using a Grant Application generated by the SEDP's Office. She explained that they needed approx. \$350,000 to paint the existing Water Tower (inside/outside) and would need 10% of the cost of the new Water System with the Township. Mark noted that he outlined for the Commissioners the American Rescue Plan showing that infrastructure was an approved application of funding for communities like Perry/Perry Township. He gave the Commissions a copy of a condensed Engineering Proposal the City and Township are using for our 80% Grant with the Federal EDA. Justin Horvath passed out a handout from the EDA's American Rescue Plant program and reviewed it with the DDA Board. He noted that he was still working with the State of MI Economic Development group in Lansing to see if their 10% funding was going to be available for the March, 2022 proposal. He noted that the Federal guidelines are clear that the 20% funding match from the local governments much be outlined before this new application can be submitted. He finally noted that the EAA (Economic Adjustment Assistance) plan funds expire on Sept 30, 2027.

Required Informational Meeting on DDA Activities: Robert Piro called the Information Meeting to Order at 7:50 PM; No Guests: Closed meeting at 7:51 PM.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Bob Piro made a motion to Adjourn at 7:54 PM; seconded by Stacey Matthews. All Ayes.

Minutes Submitted by:

Mark Fulks. P.E., Supervisor
Perry Township