

Perry Township DDA

Minutes for Meeting October 19, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Bob Piro at 6:32 PM

Pledge to flag: The pledge to the U.S. flag was conducted

Required Informational Meeting on DDA Activities: Chair Bob Piro opened the Informational Meeting at 6:34 PM. He noted that the DDA is working on three major projects. Funding sources are being explored for the Lansing Road lighting extension West of M-52 to Ruess Rd with Consumers Energy, however, the City of Perry has hired a Grant Writer on staff to assist them with funding sources for this project. The Water Loop with the additional Water Tower and pumping station for the City of Perry is also being explored with SEDP's assistance for funding as well as federal funding through our State representatives. Rose Blvd paving project also saw a rise in asphalt pricing and it on hold awaiting the outcome of these other two projects. It was noted that the DDA currently has two vacancies due to resignations. A motion to close the Informational Meeting at 6:43 PM was made by Brian Pfeifle and seconded by Stacey Matthews. All Ayes.

Member Roll Call: Robert Piro – present; Brian Pfeifle - present; Stacey Matthews – present; Joe Audia – present; Kris Morse – present; Mark Fulks – present.
Absent: Robert Taylor

Guests: Eric Arbanas, Manager of Becks Propane and Justin Horvath, President, SEDP.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Stacey Matthews; seconded by Joe Audia. All Ayes.

Opportunity for the Public to address the DDA Board: None.

Approval of the Minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting: Brian Pfeifle made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Bob Piro. All Ayes.

Treasurer's Report/Approval: Brian Pfeifle went over the DDA list of bills and payments received from July thru October 19, 2022. He noted that the ending balance is \$240,910.75. Motion was made by Kris Morse and seconded by Stacy Matthews to approved the Treasurer's Report as presented. All Ayes.

Old Business:

1. Water Line Project – It was noted that the Project is still alive with the Senators office in Washington. Mark Fulks was at a SEDP meeting on October 12th at Fortitude Events and met with Quentin Groce, Regional Director from Senator Gary Peters office and discussed the Water System upgrades with him. He requested the information sent to his office for follow up. Brent Jones from the SEDP's Office emailed him the information and Mr. Groce responded back and he is reaching out to his legislative team overseeing these projects and will respond back with an update.
2. Rose Blvd – paving project – Bob Piro discussed the need for this roadway to get the necessary repairs before it becomes a “complete” redo. We will make sure an updated project cost is established for this upcoming year.

3. Replacement Light Pole on Lansing Road – Mark Fulks also met with Rafael Turner from Consumers Energy on October 12th and he gave him the Streetlight Supervisor and they discussed the missing light pole and light fixture. The Supervisor built an NEW work order for this light/pole and will provide feedback as soon as he has it.
4. Lights out on Bennett Drive – Update – these were all written up using the Consumers Energy portal to note outages – streetlights.consumersenergy.com – and all but two have been repaired. Kris Morse reported that two (2) are still out and those were re-reported on the website. Robert Piro noted that one light is out on Rose Blvd and Mark stated that he would write it up for repair.

New Business:

1. Update on SEDP activities – Justin Horvath, SEDP – Justin gave an update report on various activities in and around our Township as well as the new bank in Perry and its open house last week.
2. SEDP letter and annual investment statement – Bob Piro presented the bill for \$2500.00 for the SEDP annual investment and Joe Audia made a motion to pay; seconded by Kris Morse. Roll Call: Joe – yes; Brian – yes; Stacey – yes; Bob - yes; Kris – yes. All Ayes.
3. Update on DDA Activities – discussed the new Spartan Fence building on Bennett Drive; also discussed two businesses for sale on Bennett Drive and one on Rose Blvd.
4. DDA Property located on Lansing Road - Eric Arbanas from Becks Propane was present to discuss their company's desire to purchase this 1 acre DDA property to install two 30,000 gallon propane storage tanks on this and the 3.7 acre property next to our property located on Lansing Road. He came to our Perry Township board meeting on October 5th and asked questions about zoning and the properties. The Perry Township board met with a commercial agency from Owosso to get an estimated market value of the property for Mr. Arbanas. Mr. Selleck from the Agency noted it was valued between \$35,000 and \$45,000. It was also noted that the Township Board will assist Beck's Propane with the necessary paperwork to proceed with the Zoning application. A motion was made by Bob Piro to sell this DDA property and seconded by Brian Pfeifle. All Ayes. A motion was made by Joe Audia and seconded by Kris Morse to allow Bob Piro and Mark Fulks to sign all necessary documents and paper work to sell this property.
5. Acceptance of two resignation letters by the Township Board - the DDA Board was notified of the acceptance of two DDA members – Adam Elsesser and Angela Falzon at their October 5, 2022 Board Meeting.
6. Election of Vice-Chairman for the DDA Board – A motion was made by Joe Audia to nominate Stacey Matthews as Vice-Chair; seconded by Bob Piro. All Ayes.
7. It was noted by Mark Fulks that Rafael Turner will be moving to the Flint/Saginaw areas for Consumers Energy and Kathryn Burkholder will be returning to our area as our Manager. It was noted by Bob Piro that we ask Kathryn about the pricing on the Lighting Project west of M-52 and discuss the cost estimate we received last year with her as an Action Item.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Brian Pfeifle made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM; seconded by Joe Audia. All Ayes. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Mark Fulks, P.E., Supervisor
Perry Township