

Perry Township DDA

Minutes for Meeting July 20, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Bob Piro at 6:41 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 6:43 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, due to COVID, funding and the economy it is on “hold” at the present time. 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 to over \$57,000 and it on hold awaiting the outcome of these other two projects. Brian Pfeifle made a motion to close the meeting at 6:58 PM; seconded by Bob Piro. 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, Angela Falzon, Adam Elsesser

Guests: Beth Andrus – Perry Planning Commission; Rafael Turner, Consumers Energy

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business, Item 4, Bennett Drive – light outages was made by Stacey Matthews; seconded by Kris Morse. All Ayes.

Opportunity for the Public to address the DDA Board: Chairman Piro gave Rafael Turner the opportunity to address the Board. He is our Community Affairs Manager. He noted that Consumers Energy is looking at its Clean Energy Plan and looking into sites for solar panel projects as well as wind farms and other clean energy projects.

Approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting: It was noted that the April meeting was an informational meeting only (lack of quorum).

Treasurer’s Report/Approval: Brian Pfeifle went over the report from January thru July and noted the various lighting billing and wondered about how we are billed from Consumers Energy even if the lights are not working as on Bennett Drive. Kris Morse noted that he leaves his Office on Bennett Drive often in the dark and all but one of the lights are either off or blinking on/off. Since our Consumers Energy community affairs manager, Rafael Turner was present he noted the situation and will get with the person in charge of streetlighting for Consumers Energy and report the problem to her. Joe Audia made a motion to accept the bills as presented; seconded by Stacey Matthews. 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 contacted Dondre Young, Regional Manager from Deb Stabenow's office and asked him for an update on the Water Loop status. He stated that the project is still there awaiting status and would check on it for us.
2. Rose Blvd – paving project – the revised quotation from the Road Commission is at \$57,000 for paving the .33 miles of scratch course/clip seal asphalt paving plus wedging to include fog seal and pavement markings. This is on hold awaiting the outcome of the other two projects.
3. Lighting Project discussion - Rafael Turner - he noted that the cost estimate was higher than "normal" due to product shortages and material costing but would research the cost difference from the first installation of Lighting on the East side of Lansing Road and the current quotation for the West side of Lansing Road and get back to the Board.
4. Replacement Light Pole on Lansing Road – the one hit by a vehicle – the new light pole replacement fixture is still on order and he checked the warehouse in Owosso and there are no spares in their inventory. He will check on the current status and get back to us.

New Business:

1. Update on SEDP activities – Justin Horvath, SEDP – not present
2. Update on DDA Activities - listed above
3. Perry Township Master Plan information – Beth Andrus - discussed the 2016 Master Plan of Perry Township; she noted that due to the 2020 census info was delayed (due to Covid) and they are now working on the updated plan. She is looking for an Original map for the DDA and summary of the history of the DDA for the Planning Commission. It was noted that some of the info is on our current Perry Township website. Two members of the DDA will look in their files for info to assist her.
4. Bennett Drive – light outage – it was noted that out of 17 streetlamps only 1 is active as of this week. Kris Morse noted that when truck lights near the pole the lights go OUT and when he went home this week after dark only 1 light was on. Rafael will get with the Streetlight Coordinator from Consumers Energy and have this problem addressed. It was also noted that light bill the Township pays is a flat bill regardless of how many lights may or may not be working.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Brian Pfeifle made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM; seconded by Kris Morse. All Aye. The next meeting will be on October 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Mark Fulks, P.E., Supervisor
Perry Township