

Perry Township DDA

Minutes for January 18, 2023

Call to order: The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Bob Piro at 6:35 PM

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

Member Roll Call: Joe Audia; Bob Piro; Brian Pfeifle; Stacey Matthews; Philip Millikin; Mark Fulks & Kris Morse

Absent: Robert Taylor

Guests: Rhonda Millikin; Brent Jones; John Knickerbocker

Required Informational Meeting on DDA Activities (#1): The Chairman opened the Informational Meeting at 6:38 PM and discussed several on-going activities: (1) Infrastructure improvements with the water line extension with the City of Perry and the federal grant opportunity; (2) paving of Rose Blvd roadway; (3) Lansing Road lighting project costs and the by-laws revision. The meeting closed at 6:44 PM.

Approval of the Agenda: Joe Audia made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Phil Millikin. All Ayes.

Opportunity for the Public to address the DDA Board: John Knickerbocker from PFCU discussed the new Credit Union located in Perry. He noted their goal is to reach out to the community and engage with the community activities and be active in the area.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting: Stacey Matthews made a motion to approve the Minutes; seconded by Kris Morse. All Ayes.

Treasurer's Report/Approval: Brian outlined the Treasurer's report from 10/1/22 thru 01/18/23 and noted the expenses and revenue. The DDA fund balance is \$255,610.13. It was noted that the closing costs on the Lansing Road property will be approx. \$1000 per Troy Parmalee (Treasurer). Phil Millikin made a motion to approve; seconded by Bob Piro. All Ayes.

Old Business:

1. Lansing Road Lighting Project – West of M-52 to Ford Update – Mark Fulks noted that he has discussed the cost projection from Consumers Energy and has reached out to Kathryn Burkholder to review the costs as compared to the lighting project on the East side of Lansing Road. She will review and get back to us.
2. Rose Blvd – road repair discussion – Mark Fulks noted that the proposed County Road Commission pavement cost for the new year estimated to work at \$91,000 however the bids are not in for all the material costs. Mark will email to DDA members once the pricing is firm.

3. Grant Application for Water System Upgrade – Brent Jones, SEDP discussed a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24th with Quentin Groce from Senator Gary Peters office to answer additional questions and discuss the Grant funding for FY24 earmarks at the federal level. Mark Fulks noted he also received an email from Quentin asking for the project total cost; funding secured, and a few bullets on the impact it would have on the community. He also noted that Sue Hammond, Mayor of Perry will also be attending.

New Business:

1. Welcome new member to DDA Board – Philip Millikin – he also introduced his wife, Rhonda in attendance.
2. Time of Meeting - the start time of the DDA Meeting at 6:30 PM was discussed and it was decided to leave it at 6:30 PM.
3. Update on SEDP Activities – Brent Jones – besides the Water Project he noted the Grant writer from the SEDP and will have her look at Grant opportunities for our Lighting Project funding as well.
4. Approval of 2023-2024 DDA Budget – The new Budget was basically maintained with the exception of adding \$18,000 to the Road Work account bringing it to \$60,000 and reducing the Contingency to \$149,000. It was noted that the sale of the DDA Property on Lansing Road would increase our Budget by approx. \$34,000. Motion was made by Joe Audia to approve; seconded by Stacy Matthews. Roll Call vote: Joe Audia – yes; Bob Piro – yes; Brian Pfeifle –yes; Stacey Matthews – yes; Phil Millikin – yes; Kris Morse – yes; Mark Fulks – yes.
5. Review of DDA By-Laws for corrections and/or additions – the proposed revision to the DDA by-laws was passed out to the members and Mark Fulks noted that the changes are highlighted in red and deletions were noted with the black line thru the words. The Township Board would like comments on any changes back to the Clerk within a couple weeks so the changes can be incorporated and approved at our April meeting.
6. Possible sewer line extension – Bennett Drive – Phil Millikin noted that he had purchased property at north end of Bennett Drive and the sewer line does not extend to the end of the road; but ends at the top of the hill on the west side of Bennett Drive. He can not directly connect to the sewer line without having to put a booster pump as well as line extension north on Bennett Drive before he can connect on to his building that he built on the property. Discussed options regarding sewer line extension down Lansing Road connecting to Bennett Drive.
7. Missing Lamp pole and light on East Lansing Road – Bob Piro noted that the lamp is still missing. Mark will follow up with Kathryn from Consumers Energy to try to get a delivery date on the pole.

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Brian Pfeifle made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Stacey Matthews at 7:55 PM.

Mark Fulks, P.E. Supervisor, Perry Township
