

# Perry Township DDA

## Minutes for February 21, 2024

Call to order: The DDA Meeting was called to Order by Chair Bob Piro at 6:40 PM

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

Member Roll Call: Present: Bob Piro, Brian Pfeifle, Stacey Matthews, Joe Audia, Phil Millikin, Kris Morse, Mark Fulks  
Absent: Jann Knapp and Robert Taylor

Guests: Justin Horvath

Required Informational Meeting on DDA Activities: Bob Piro opened the Informational Meeting at 6:42 PM. Discussed the repavement project on Rose Blvd and its completion; noted that the light pole that has been ordered by Consumers Energy last year is still not here; noted the lights on Bennett Drive need to be upgraded to more energy efficient ones which will stay ON during the evening (dark) hours; discussed the new Lifetime Metal Sales building on Lansing Road; noted the new purchase by Redinger Steel Erectors on Bennett Drive late last year. Motion to close the Informational Meeting at 6:46 PM by Brian Pfeifle; seconded by Stacey Matthews. All Ayes

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was approved with Motion by Phil Millikin; seconded by Kris Morse. All Ayes

Opportunity for the Public to address the DDA Board: None

Approval of the Minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting: The minutes from the last meeting were approved with Motion by Brian; seconded by Bob. All Ayes

Treasurer's Report/Approval: Brian Pfeifle reviewed the bill listing from 10/03/23 thru 1/17/24 with a Balance of \$285,323.50 and listing from 12/1/23 thru 2/20/24 with a Balance of \$284,495.72. Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report made by Joe Audia; seconded by Phil Millikin. All Ayes

### Old Business:

1. Update on Water System Upgrade – Mark Fulks gave an update on the Community grant project funding application for local governments available thru Rep. Elissa Slotkin's office as well as Senator Gary Peters FY2025 grant appropriations requests due March 12, 2024. He stated that the Applications will be reviewed by their staff people for inclusion in their budget proposals.
2. Update on Lifetime Metal Sales building progress – the County Road Commission gave the company their estimate of work for the "cut thru" exit onto

Rose Blvd but they have decided not to proceed with it. Justin noted that the building will have an opening date soon and will notify us.

3. Update on Beck's DDA land purchase – the company is going to move two propane fill tanks onto the land. Also the stone base and drainage was approved by the Drain Office.
4. Update on Bennett Drive lighting fixture(s) – Consumers Energy needs to provide us with a new lighting proposal for new poles and energy efficient lamps. Mark Fulks to contact the representative
5. Update on missing light pole/fixture on Lansing Road – Consumers Energy needs to provide an update delivery of the new pole and fixture.

#### New Business:

1. Update on SEDP Activities – Justin Horvath gave an update to the Board
2. DDA Approval of 2024-2025 DDA Budget - The Budget was reviewed by Brian Pfeifle and noted we should move money from the road funding to establish a new account for new light poles/fixtures. A motion was made by Brian Pfeifle to create a new line item for Lighting Upgrades and move \$50,000 from the Road Work account (leaving \$10,000) to a new account for Lighting Upgrades; seconded by Phil Millikin. Roll Call vote Bob Piro, yes; Stacey Matthews, yes; Kris Morse, yes; Brian Pfeifle, yes; Phil Millikin, yes; Joe Audia, yes; Mark Fulks, yes; All Ayes. Motion to accept the new Budget made by Stacey Matthews; seconded by Brian Pfeifle. Roll Call – Joe Audia, yes; Stacey Matthews, yes; Bob Piro, yes; Phil Millikin, yes; Kris Morse, yes; Mark Fulks, yes; and Brian Pfeifle, yes. All Ayes. The Board discussed the possibility of moving some funds to increase the interest received. Troy Parmalee, Township Treasurer came into the meeting and explained to the Board that we can do CD's. The Board discussed the possible amount to move and Bob Piro made a motion to move up to \$200,000 to a higher interest CD and check various rates up to a 12 month certificate, Kris Morse seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Phil Millikin, yes; Kris Morse, yes; Stacey Matthews, yes; Joe Audia, yes; Brian Pfeifle, yes; Bob Piro, yes; Mark Fulks, yes. All Ayes.
3. DDA Members – Joe Audia & Brian Pfeifle were approved for new terms by the Township Board on February 7, 2024.
4. Update of DDA possible new member - Kay Smith has requested to become a member of the DDA. Also, her brother, Robert Taylor has asked to resign from the DDA Board. These will be presented to our Township Board on 3/6/24.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: The DDA Meeting was called to Adjourn at 8:45 PM by Bob Piro; seconded by Brian Pfeifle.

Minutes prepared by:

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Mark Fulks, P.E., Supervisor  
Perry Township