# Corridor Improvement Authority 4/3/23, 6:00pm Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

# Members Present:

Rod Pletz, Pat Hickey, Brian Morin, Don Blackmond, Mike Spain, Dan LaFond

# Members Absent:

Tara Truhn, Bill Boston, Kelly Smit

# **Guests Present:**

Jerry Morin

# **Discussion:**

- 1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes: No objections or corrections.
  - a. Pat motioned to approve, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.
- 2. No Bills to report
- 3. Non-motorized pathways
  - a. Rod sent Van Buren County Road Commission updated road resolution.
    - i. No response heard back yet.
- 4. Trailhead Park
  - a. No response from Mitchell landscaping regarding their plans or proposal.
  - b. Rod will reach out to Sinclair Recreation about coming to a future meeting to share what they offer.
  - c. Brian gave an update from the fundraising committee on August 5 event.
    - i. August 5, 2023, 2-8pm
    - ii. Beer and wine, bounce house, music, petting zoo, bean bag toss, raffles, etc.
    - iii. Major areas of help needed in securing sponsors and hands on deck at the event.
    - iv. Board members shared feedback and additional ideas for committee to consider.
    - v. Next committee meeting April 4, 4:00pm, Sister Lakes Brewing Company.
  - d. Don met with Michelle Audette-Bauman from MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) about grant opportunities for the trailhead park.
    - i. Michelle will attend May meeting to present program and answer questions.
    - ii. MEDC can match up to \$50K for projects developing underutilized public spaces.
- 5. Public Comment Solicited at 6:55p
  - 1. None heard
- 6. Don motioned to adjourn, Pat 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Next Meeting: May 1, 6:00pm, Keeler Township Hall.