

Corridor Improvement Authority
3/6/23, 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, Kelly Smit

Members Absent:

Tara Truhn, Bill Boston

Guests Present:

Jerry Morin, Mary Dempsey (Sister Lakes Lions Club), Tom Latz (Sister Lakes Lions Club), Barry Antilla (Van Buren County Road Commission), Dave Clift (Van Buren County Road Commission)

Discussion:

1. Approval of February Meeting Minutes: No objections or corrections.
 - a. Pat motioned to approve, Dan 2nd.
 - b. Rod Abstains
 - c. Motion passes unanimously.
2. No Bills to report
3. Pedestrian Pathway discussion with Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) representatives
 - a. VBCRC had questions about the crosswalks.
 - i. These were not part of the original estimate and would need to be added, which would increase cost.
 - ii. VBCRC will come down this spring to look at crosswalk locations and make recommendations.
 - b. VBCRC raised questions about need for outer line past the fog line
 - i. Discussion ensued about benefits and feasibility of the outer white line.
 - ii. Barry indicated we would need to remove language in the resolution about "MDOT Standards" since we don't have the five feet required by MDOT.
 - iii. If this language is removed, Barry is amenable to putting in the outside line as long as there is enough room to make it uniform.
 - c. Barry reminded us that they have a 5-year plan that is full and can't promise any particular project dates.
 - d. VBCRC will put together a revised estimate with some pictures with the goal to have something to us by May 1.
4. Trailhead Park
 - a. Rod brought schematics and drawings for playground options provided by Sinclair Recreation, LLC.
 - b. Sinclair will provide up to 50% matching grants for playground equipment.
 - c. Discussion ensued about the renderings, particularly about the dog park.
 - i. Some concerns raised about liability and maintenance of a dog park.
 - ii. Suggestion to check with other municipalities to see how this is handled elsewhere.

- d. Rod is still awaiting an additional proposal from Mitchell Landscaping.
 - e. Discussion with Lions representatives about the history of the project – where we have been and where intend to go.
5. Fundraising
- i. Block Party Fundraiser/Beer Festival at Lions Park on August 5
 - ii. Lions Club has the date available and will hold it for us
 - iii. Pat motioned to form an event planning committee, Kelly 2nd
 - 1. To be comprised of: Brian, Dan, Mike, Pat along with a representative from the Lions Club.
 - 2. Motion passes unanimously.
 - iv. Vision includes: Beer vendors, music, food vendors, bounce house, dunk tank, 50/50 raffle, etc.
 - 1. Can also include digital donation option.
 - 2. Sponsors: Honor Credit Union, etc.
6. Website: Dan has updated the website to include current members and past minutes.
- a. Dan will take down the Triathlon info page and add a message about the triathlon being discontinued.
 - b. Dan will explore options for online donations and discuss them with Don and Sharon.
 - c. Dan also suggested adding headshots of the members to the website.
7. Resolution
- a. The resolution to the Van Buren County Road Commission was revisited to adjust language to address concerns raised by the Road Commission Representatives.
 - i. Language referencing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) guidelines removed in areas of concern.
 - ii. Shared Lane Markings added to CR690 in addition to 95th Avenue.
 - b. Resolution offered by Brian, Dan 2nd.
 - c. Roll Call Vote
 - i. Don: Support
 - ii. Brian: Support:
 - iii. Mike: Support
 - iv. Rod: Support
 - v. Dan: Support
 - vi. Pat: Support
 - vii. Kelly: Support
 - d. Motion passes unanimously
8. Public Comment Solicited at 7:42p
- 1. None heard
9. Pat motioned to adjourn, Mike 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 7:43pm.

Next Meeting: April 3, 6:00pm, Keeler Township Hall.