

Corridor Improvement Authority  
6/5/23, 6:00pm  
Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Members Present:

Rod Pletz, Pat Hickey, Brian Morin, Don Blackmond, Bill Boston, Mike Spain, Dan LaFond, Kelly Smit

Members Absent:

Tara Truhn

Guests Present:

Jerry Morin (Keeler Township Trustee), Michelle Audette-Bauman (MEDC), Sarah Snoeyink (Market Van Buren), Dan Wilson (Lions Club), Tom Latz (Lions Club), Carl Davis

Discussion:

1. Approval of May Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Pat motioned to approve minutes, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - b. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Bills: Mowing at Lions Park
  - a. May 4: \$125
  - b. May 25: \$125
  - c. Don motioned to pay \$250, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - d. Motion passes unanimously
3. Rod worked with Honor Credit Union to learn information about using a QR code to collect donations.
4. Guest Speaker: Michelle Audette-Bauman, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
  - a. Public Spaces, Community Places program presentation
    - i. Program specifically designed for non-profits and municipalities to create spaces for communities to gather
    - ii. Maximum \$50,000 matching grant. Can increase to as much as \$75,000 if the project includes aspects of A.D.A. accessibility
    - iii. Funding is based on state fiscal year, which ends September 30. Fund is expected to be replenished October 1.
    - iv. She indicated the next step is for us to connect with Patronicity (non-profit) to learn about crowd funding and also guide us through the process
5. Sinclair Recreation Updated Proposal
  - a. Rod gave an update on quote and renderings he received from Sinclair regarding building playground equipment and park infrastructure.
6. Sister Lakes Block Party
  - a. Dan and Bill met with the Lions Club
    - i. Lions Club proposes us renting the space for ~\$2,000 and CIA would handle all logistics
    - ii. Brian expressed concern that without Lions involvement, event becomes bigger logistically to handle
    - iii. Roll call vote on whether or not to move forward with project:

1. Bill: No
  2. Mike: Yes
  3. Dan: Yes
  4. Kelli: Yes
  5. Rod: Yes
  6. Brian: No
  7. Pat: No
  8. Don: No
- iv. Vote split 4-4
- v. Rod recommended a special meeting to bring whole group together to discuss logistics and decide if we can pull the event off
1. Group unable to decide on a date and time to meet.
- vi. Brian suggested a public meeting event on August 5 at Sister Lakes Brewing Company with a community give back from SLBC.
1. Brian will confirm with SLBC owners regarding community giveback fundraiser
- vii. Bill made motion to hold a public meeting at Sister Lakes Brewing Company at 3:00, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- viii. Roll Call vote:
1. Bill: Yes
  2. Mike: Yes
  3. Dan: Yes
  4. Kelli: Yes
  5. Rod: Yes
  6. Brian: Yes
  7. Pat: Yes
  8. Don: Yes
- ix. Pat motioned to reimburse Lions Club for expenses up to \$200 incurred in planning block party event, such as the beer/wine license and raffle license application fees. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- x. Roll Call Vote:
1. Bill: Yes
  2. Mike: Yes
  3. Dan: Yes
  4. Kelli: Yes
  5. Rod: Yes
  6. Brian: Yes
  7. Pat: Yes
  8. Don: Yes

7. Non-motorized pathways

- a. Rod has not heard back from Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) regarding the road project

8. Public Comment Solicited at 7:55p

1. None heard

9. Don motioned to adjourn, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.