

Corridor Improvement Authority

7/8/24, 6:00pm

Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

Discussion:

1. Approval of June Regular Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Don motioned to approve minutes, Pat 2nd.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously
 - c.
2. Balance as of the end of June: **\$154,441.73**
3. Bills
 - a. June Lawnmowing at Lions Park - \$125
 - i. Pat motioned to pay, Don 2nd
 - ii. Motion passes unanimously
 - b. Pro Comp did a site plan review on the trailhead park property and has issued us a second invoice
 - i. \$7,252.28 due to ProComp
 - ii. Pat motioned to pay invoice, Don 2nd
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
4. Don gave an update on adding bicycle routes to roads from the Keeler Township Board, including:
 - a. Trap rock seal coat and fog seal and paint 40 sharrow symbols on 95th from CR690 to M-152;
 - b. Trap rock seal coat and fog seal CR690 from the county line to M-152;
 - c. Paint 24 sharrow symbols on CR690 from the county line to 95th;
 - d. Trap rock seal coat and fog seal 90th from CR690 to CR687; and
 - e. Install 12 bicycle route signs and 12 directional arrow signs on CR690 from M-152 to 90th and on 90th from CR690 to CR687.
 - f. In addition, the Van Buren County Road Commission has agreed to trap rock seal coat and fog seal CR690 from M-152 to Territorial at its expense.
 - g. All of this, taken in conjunction with the sharrow symbols the CIA committed to provide means that Keeler Township will have a continuous bicycle route from Silver Creek Township to Hartford Township spanning CR690 to 90th to CR687. The Keeler Township bicycle route will be connected to the greater bicycle routes north and south of the Township.
 - h. All work possible to be completed this year.
5. ProComp
 - a. Has updated the site plan, and will need the following things to finalize:

- i. Permits submitted to the County Drain Commission and Road Commission
 1. We need to decide when we want to submit permits because they are only good for 12 months.
 2. General consensus is to go ahead and submit permits so we know what we need to do about drainage.
 - ii. Agent letter from the Lions Club allowing us to build on the land
6. Playground/park update
 - a. Bears Playground does not do pour in place matting.
 - b. Rod called SafeStep, a company he found online to get an estimate on matting.
 - i. \$20 per square foot cost is what they estimated.
 - c. Triple D is going to put together an estimate for parking lot and driveway based on site plan.
 - d. Rod has a meeting with Superior Fencing on Saturday to get an estimate.
 - e. Rod has also talked with the DNR about Trust fund grant timelines.
 - f. Don has heard community feedback that there is interest in Pickle Ball courts at the park as well.
 - g. Rod is going to work on pricing out elements of the project so we can build a budget.
 - i. He has asked for help pricing out a pavilion.
 - h. Rod recommended a group of board members go back up to the property and measure to decide what can fit and what we want to do.
 - i. Rod and Pat agreed to meet to take a look at the property.
7. Trailhead Park & Playground Fundraising
 - a. Group discussion around what our goals are and the desired scope of this project.
 - b. Targeted date of fall 2025 for shovels in the ground
 - c. Next steps are to research all possible funding and grant opportunities
 - d. Don met with the County Parks Board who has expressed interest in partnering with us.
8. Next meeting will be August 5 at 6:00pm at Sister Lakes Brewing Company.
9. Public Comment solicited at 7:00pm
 - a. None heard
10. Pat motioned to adjourn, Mike 2nd
 - a. Motion passes unanimously
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm