

Corridor Improvement Authority
2/6/23, 6:00pm
Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:21 pm

Members Present:

Pat Hickey, Brian Morin, Dan LaFond, Kelly Smit, Don Blackmond

Members Absent:

Tara Truhn, Rod Pletz, Bill Boston, Mike Spain

Guests Present:

None

Discussion:

1. Approval of January Meeting Minutes: No objections or corrections.
 - a. Don motioned to approve, Kelly 2nd.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
2. No Bills to report
3. Annual Report Review
 - a. No Discussion
4. 2023 Expenses:
 - a. Budget outlined in the Annual Report
 - i. Pat Motioned to approve budget as outlined, Dan 2nd
 - ii. Roll Call Vote
 1. Kelly: Support
 2. Don: Support
 3. Pat: Support
 4. Brian: Support
 5. Dan: Support
 - iii. Motion Passes unanimously
5. Public Meeting
 - a. Need to set a date, place, and formulate plan
 - b. Tentative Date set for August 5 at Lions Park
 - i. 10:00am if we are just holding a meeting
 - ii. Afternoon if we are tying it in with a block party fundraiser (see fundraiser item below)
6. Lions Park property – Rod reports to expect an update about plans by next week
7. Market Van Buren lunch workshop update
 - a. Don and Pat gave an update
 - b. Market Van Buren shared funding opportunities, processes, and timelines
 - c. There are specific grants available for non-motorized trails, paths, and parks
 - d. Don has a follow-up meeting scheduled with the grant writers for February 17
8. Website
 - a. No updates on progress. Dan has what he needs to work on it.

9. Pedestrian Pathway
 - a. No Updates
 - b. Barry is out of the office until late February and is willing to discuss when he returns.
10. Trailhead Park
 - a. Bricks Fundraiser
 - i. Are we going to continue to move forward with this? If not, we need a plan to refund money.
 - ii. Group seemed to think this was a worthwhile fundraiser to continue.
 - iii. Discussion tabled until a further meeting.
11. SL Visitors Maps
 - a. Kelly still has them in her office.
12. Fundraising
 - i. Block Party Fundraiser/Beer Festival at Lions Park on August 5
 1. Brian will approach the Van Buren County Craft Beverage Coalition about providing/pouring beer.
 2. We would need the Lions to get on board and apply for a temporary event liquor license.
 - ii. Pat mentioned dueling pianos fundraiser at the Mendel Center as a possible idea.
13. Public Comment Solicited at 7:10p
 1. None heard
14. Don motioned to adjourn, Dan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Next Meeting: March 6, 6:00pm, Keeler Township Hall.