

Corridor Improvement Authority
2/5/24, 6:00pm
Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Members Present:

Kelly Smit, Don Blackmond, Rod Pletz, Pat Hickey, Mike Spain, Bill Boston

Members Absent:

Brian Morin, Dan LaFond

Guests Present:

Discussion:

1. Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Pat motioned to approve minutes, Bill 2nd.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously
2. No Bills to report
3. Amending CIA Charter
 - a. Don has not received a response from legal counsel on if CIA charter needs to be amended.
 - b. It is still unclear what we need to do to proceed.
 - c. Kelly motioned to begin process of amending charter if needed. Pat 2nd. Motion passed unanimously and next needs to be presented to township.
4. Trailhead Park Subcommittee Update (Pat)
 - a. Pat presented plans from Bears Playground company.
 - i. Two sets of plans presented, geared at different age groups.
 1. Plans are almost identical except for a few features.
 - ii. Discussion about wood mulch, rubber mulch, or poured rubber surface under playground equipment.
 1. Bill will look into poured rubber option since Bears did not include it in their quotes.
 - b. Discussion about long-term maintenance plan and costs
 - i. Bears Playground supplied maintenance checklist but they are based out of New York and will not do the maintenance.
5. Patronicity Fundraising
 - a. Discussion about needing a letter from a disability advocacy group to be eligible for additional matching grant funding.
 - b. Group talked through process and what needs to happen next.
 - c. Fundraising highlights:
 - i. Campaign events, local media, how to receive and handle donations.
 - ii. Option to accept electronic funding donations through township and Patronicity.
6. Annual Report
 - a. Rod presented the annual report and budget to be shared with the Keeler Township Board.
 - b. Amendments made.

- c. Kelly motioned to approve annual report and budget as amended. Mike 2nd.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Pat agreed to share the report with the Keeler Township Board.
- 7. Public Comment solicited at 7:42pm
 - a. None Heard
- 8. Pat motioned to adjourn, Mike 2nd
 - a. Motion passes unanimously
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Corridor Improvement Authority
Special Meeting
2/7/24, 4:30pm
Sister Lakes Lions Club

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm

Members Present:

Rod Pletz, Pat Hickey, Mike Spain, Brian Morin, Bill Boston, Kelly Smit

Members Absent:

Don Blackmond, Dan LaFond

Guests Present:

Dennis Moore (Excavator)

Discussion:

1. Board met with Dennis (excavator) to walk the leased property at Lions Park.
 - a. Dennis shared some ideas and thoughts, most notably:
 - i. Possible permits required by EGLE and Social Erosion and Soot Control (SESC) of Van Buren/Cass County.
 - ii. Challenges that may come with drainage and erosion based on pitch of property closest to road.
 - iii. Suggestion to use flatter area towards the back of the property to avoid some of the potential issues.
 - b. Once Dennis has a more accurate site plan, he can put together a quote for the project.
 - c. Dennis suggested contacting Erick Nelson, who deals regularly with these types of projects and acquiring the necessary permits.
 - i. Rod agreed to reach out to Erick and see if he can come walk the property and share his thoughts.
 - ii. Pat motioned to approve up to \$5,000 for Erick and his company to guide us through this process. Kelly 2nd. Roll call vote:
 - a. Mike: Support
 - b. Bill: Support
 - c. Rod: Support
 - d. Brian: Support
 - e. Kelly: Support
 - f. Pat: Support
 - g. Motion passed unanimously
2. Public Comment solicited at 5:25pm
 - a. None Heard
3. Brian motioned to adjourn, Pat 2nd
 - a. Motion passes unanimously
4. Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm