

Corridor Improvement Authority
1/9/23, 6:00pm
Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Tara Truhn

Guests Present:

Carol Domkowski, Carl Davis, Jerry Morin, Sharon Clupper

Discussion:

1. Approval of November Meeting Minutes: No objections or corrections.
 - a. Pat motioned to approve, Mike 2nd.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Bills:
 - a. Website domain bill – 5 year registration for \$225
 - i. Brian motioned to pay bill, Dan 2nd
 - ii. Roll Call Vote:
 1. Bill: Support
 2. Kelly: Support
 3. Don: Support
 4. Pat: Support
 5. Mike: Support
 6. Brian: Support
 7. Dan: Support
 8. Rod: Support
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously
3. Correspondence:
 - a. MDOT requesting visitor maps for welcome centers.
 - i. Request for 2,600 to distribute across the state.
 - ii. We will send the requested 1,000 to the New Buffalo Welcome Center and keep the rest for distribution in our community this upcoming season.
4. Lions Park property – Rod sent a letter to the neighbor in December requesting him to keep traffic off of the property.
5. Website
 - a. Brian will send previous minutes to Dan to upload onto website.
6. Pedestrian Pathway Update
 - a. Road Commission has not responded to our request for a meeting to discuss what the pathway would look like.
 - b. Our goal is to come up with exactly what we want in preparation for this meeting.

- i. Road Commission reps have expressed concerns about painting outermost line on pedestrian pathway and questions about placement of crosswalks.
 - ii. Pat came up with a drawing of what he envisions and shared it with the group (See below).
 - iii. Group agrees that Pat's drawing is our ideal vision of what we want created.
 1. The outside white line is essential to what we are trying to create.
 2. If Road Commission will not put pedestrian symbol on the asphalt, our next best option is to have four foot lane with no markings and sharrow in the roadway.
 3. If this is not an option, our last option would be to put a four foot lane with no pedestrian markings.
 - iv. Rod is still working to set up a meeting to discuss with Barry Antilla (VBCRC).
7. Trailhead Park
 - a. No updates.
8. "Sister Lakes Court" Fundraiser
 - a. Rod gave a summary of this idea he brought up in the December meeting.
 - i. Royalty would be selected based on how much money they raise, and would be featured in parade and any other local events. Goal would be to partner with individual lake associations.
 - ii. Further discussion ensued.
 - iii. Idea is tabled until a future meeting.
9. Market Van Buren invited us to attend a free lunch and workshop ON 1/18 for Cass & Van Buren County leaders looking to get their communities ready to capitalize on grant opportunities that support strategic development of workforce housing, local industries, and public amenities like streetscapes, parks, and more.
 - a. Don and Pat plan to attend.
10. Public Comment Solicited at 6:39pm
 1. None heard
11. Don motioned to adjourn, Kelly 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm.

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

