

Corridor Improvement Authority
5/1/23, 6:00pm
Keeler Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Tara Truhn

Guests Present:

Eileen Crouse (Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce), Joe Morin, Carl Davis

Discussion:

1. Approval of April Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Pat made correction of May meeting location, changing it to Sister Lakes Brewing Company.
 - b. Dan motioned to approve minutes as amended, Pat 2nd.
 - c. Motion passes unanimously.
2. No Bills to report
3. Financial Update: as of April 4 the fund balance is \$141,026.93. Bills paid for the year-to-date total \$1,825.00.
4. Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) was unable to attend and their presentation has been rescheduled to June meeting.
5. Brian gave an update on the Block Party Event
 - a. Dan will finalize the flyer so we can start disseminating it, adding note about the event being an opportunity to learn about the CIA and our project.
 - b. Brian will work on a sponsorship pamphlet to share to start working on soliciting sponsors.
 - c. Committee had questions about split of funding between CIA and Lions
 - i. Dan and Bill will connect with Luke from SL Lions Club to make sure we're on the same page moving forward.
 - d. Don will share the link about the online fundraising platform and talk with Michelle and the Keeler Township Treasurer about how it might work. Michelle from MEDC will have more information about this at the June meeting.
 - e. Subcommittee will meet again before June meeting to finalize additional details and let the rest of the board know what they can do to help move things forward as we enter the summer season.
6. Non-motorized pathways
 - a. Rod met with Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) regarding the road project.
 - i. VBCRC had some concerns about width in some areas.
 - ii. Rod took some of his own measurements and presented his findings to the group.
 - iii. VBCRC suggested repaving existing asphalt and marking with sharrows and pedestrian markings, including crosswalks and signage. This would not include outside white line on the pedestrian pathway.

- iv. Rod will take the group's feedback back to the VBCRC for further discussion.
7. Public Comment Solicited at 7:43p
 1. None heard
8. Brian motioned to adjourn, Don 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Next Meeting: June 5, 6:00pm, Keeler Township Hall.