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MINUTES

THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MEETING VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE/IN-PERSON

THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

MAY 25, 2021

Electronic remote access via teleconference per PA 267 of 1976/PA 228 of 2020 and Local Emergency Declaration dated April 8, 2021 made available

Members Physically Present:

T. Radewahn
F. Gray
R. Weise
R. Kretz
M. Wenglikowski
M. Dense
L. McCoy

Absent:

L. Husen
D. Duclos

Others Physically Present:

D. Sika, Community Dev. Director
C. Watt, Planning Asst/Code Enf. Officer

Mr. Radewahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Weise, supported by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mrs. McCoy, supported by Mr. Weise, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Expenditures:

Motion by Mr. Weise , supported by Mr. Gray, to approve the expenditures as presented.

VOTE: YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Acknowledged Receipt of Mail Items/Filed:

Michigan Downtown Association Summer Workshop Invite
Shell Fleet Saving Solutions

New Business:

A. Discussion of Memoriam Ideas for Mr. Don Emeott:

Suggestions were discussed by the DDA members for something that could be done to honor the memory of Mr. Don Emeott who served on the DDA as well as in numerous other capacities in the Township.

Roberts Park-

- An engraved rock/stone to be placed at Roberts Park.
- Consider naming the pavilion that was previously where the Shields Men’s Club was in honor of Don. Get an engraved plaque to put on the pavilion.

Mr. Sika will discuss these possibilities with the Parks Director and the Township Manager and see if this is a possibility.

Mr. Weise was excused from the meeting at this time.

B. Discussion of Completed and Potential DDA Projects:

Mr. Radewahn suggested the members review the list from their packet and narrow it down. After discussion and review of each item it was determined that the members had the following preferences for the next three projects:

Mr. Wenglikowski:

1. Water Feature
2. Gateway West Sign
3. Streetscaping

Mrs. McCoy:

- Gateway West Sign
- Water Feature
- Streetscaping

Mr. Gray:

- Gateway West Sign
- Streetscaping

Dr. Dense:

1. Gateway West Sign
2. Water Feature
3. Streetscaping/Removal of Poor Quality Homes

Mrs. Kretz:

- Gateway West Sign
- Streetscaping
- Removal of Poor Quality Homes

Discussion of the removal of the poor quality homes was thought to be something that the DDA should always be aware of should any of these become available for sale. Since each case would be different from the next as to cost, what could the property be used for etc. It is something that should be brought to the attention of the DDA anytime the Township becomes aware of these properties being “up for sale”.

Mr. Radewahn suggested that if the “streetscaping” and installation of trees is to be a worthwhile project, More information will be needed as far as where the trees could be planted along Gratiot, maintaining Them, protecting them in the winter etc. He believes contact should be made with Mr. Tom Kluck of Kluck’s Nursery to get an expert opinion. He does feel this is a good traffic calming project for Gratiot.

It was further discussed and determined that an immediate project should be that of the patriotic flags to be displayed in pairs on the Gratiot Road street light poles. Mr. Wenglikowski and Dr. Dense felt that they could take part in fund raising to assist in the cost of these flags. Further work will be done to determine cost and availability as well as the ability of the DPW to put the flags up. The hope is to see if the project could be complete and ready for display on July 4th. Information will be provided back and forth regarding the project to keep everyone up-to-date.

At this time, it is thought that the main project focus after the patriotic flags (banners) will be on:

1. Gateway Sign West
2. Water Feature
3. Streetscaping

Reports:

Chairperson- none

Vice Chairperson- none

Secretary-none

Board Members- none

Staff- none

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Radewahn with support from Mrs. McCoy to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

VOTE

YEAS 6

NAYS 0

ABSENT 3

MOTION CARRIED