



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
February 23, 2010
8:00 a.m. Michigan Time

- 1. The Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Radewahn.
2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Radewahn, Doyle, Weise, Burns, Gray and Streeter.
ABSENT: Duclos, Martin and Ryder-Petre.
ALSO PRESENT: Russ Taylor, Township Manager, Dan Sika, Director of Community Development and Susan Coggin, Planning Assistant/Code Enforcement.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Weise, seconded by Streeter to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA
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- 1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Expenditures
6. Consent Agenda
A. Approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting.
7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
8. Public Hearing - None.
9. Unfinished Business
A. Update - Thomas Township Trail.
B. Discussion Only - Gratiot Road - Relocation (Underground) of Transmission Lines.
10. New Business
A. None
11. Discussion
A. None.
12. Reports
A. Chairperson D. Board Members
B. Vice-Chairperson E. Staff
C. Secretary
13. Adjournment

5. Approval of Expenditures – Motion by Weise, supported by Gray to approve the expenditures and balance sheet as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Motion by Gray, seconded by Weise to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments – None.
8. Public Hearing – None.
9. Unfinished Business
 - A. Update – Thomas Township Trail – Mr. Taylor stated that the grant has been approved and it appears that the money will be available in 2011. In the meantime, the survey work for the proposed trail has been completed from the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail to Ederer Road. Mr. Taylor further stated that they are in the process of researching grants to construct a trailhead (restroom facility) at the Shields Road end of the trail. A public hearing for the residents immediately adjacent to the proposed trail will be held in May, 2010.
 - B. Discussion Only – Gratiot Road – Relocation (Underground) of Transmission Lines – Mr. Taylor stated that several meetings have taken place with Consumers Energy regarding burying the transmission lines along Gratiot Road during the upcoming watermain project. At this time no cost estimates have been established, but they will be presented to the DDA for discussion when they become available. Mr. Taylor further stated that research is being done as to the possibility of placing conduit in the ground at the time of the watermain project even if the burying of the transmission lines appears to be cost prohibited at this time. He feels that this would be a great first step in burying the lines at a future date. Mr. Radewahn agreed that by placing the conduit in the ground at this time and not having to dig another trench at a future date, it shows the DDA's commitment to this project.
10. New Business – None.
11. Discussion
 - A. Mr. Weise inquired into the status of the streetlights for Miller Court. Mr. Sika stated that he is still waiting on a final cost from Leddy Electric and should receive this by the March DDA meeting. Mr. Weise also asked if a height and design had been chosen for the lights. Mr. Sika stated that staff is currently working on several conceptual lights and will also present these at the March DDA meeting.
 - B. Mr. Weise stated that due to the economic times, the Shields Men's Club is looking for possible participation in the Shields Festival by all organizations within Thomas Township. He further stated that the Thomas Township Downtown Development Authority is an active organization and might want to consider some type of participation. Mr. Gray and Mr. Sika stated that this topic was discussed at a recent Thomas Township Business Association meeting and several good ideas were presented by the members. Mr. Sika stated that he would get a copy of the minutes from that meeting to Mr. Weise.

12. Reports

- A. Chairperson
- B. Vice-Chair
- C. Secretary

- D. Board Members
- E. Staff

13. It was moved by Weise, supported by Gray to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

David Duclos, Secretary