

## **LAWRENCE DDA MEETING**

**JUNE 26, 2024**

**157 N. PAW PAW STREET**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 with the following members present: John Gritter, Steve Petersen, Mike Chappell, Kim Thompson, Phil Glinnie, Dale Gribler. Members not present Theresa Stroud, Gary Barton, Chris Sariano.

Lawrence Public Schools Art Teacher, Rebecca Allen-Marfia, presented an idea for her students to create banners to be placed on the light posts for a period of time. The students would create their own art banners and would be voted on by a group of people or the community. The committee liked the idea, especially promoting the connection of the school and community. The committee by consensus asked Ms Allen-Marfia to refine the process as conceptually we agreed. She also explained her desire to find host homes for international students. The committee received information on the project and recommended she and Kim get together to put on the Lawrence site Kim administers and perhaps the Alumni site.

MINUTES: motion by John supported by Phil to approve the May 26, 2024 minutes. Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: no financials available. FM bank balance as of 6/26/24 \$1,880.43 DDA bank balance as of 6/26/24 \$101,832.64 Kim mentioned that the assessment for next years tax year is completed and will have the revenue totals for the Village and Township at the next meeting. Discussion on current year summer tax collection that begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Township will have check for DDA before the end of summer tax collection and will be made whole by the county for delinquent taxes. The Village remits the DDA check after the collection is complete minus any delinquent funds. The question was raised the Village has never reconciled the delinquent funds to the DDA when received from the county. Dale will discuss this item with Theresa.

FARMERS MARKET: interviews were conducted by the search committee and would like to hire Karissa Ingals for this years Market Manager. Motion by Phil supported by Kim to hire Karissa Ingals as the Lawrence Farmers Market Manager. Carried. (stipend of \$3500 budgeted) Market begins July 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jan and Anne for all of their help.

FAÇADE: no new applications

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: no meeting held this month. Motion by Kim supported by John to earmark \$1,000 for Sheriff reserves for the Ox Roast and to remit \$1,500 to the Ox

Roast Committee. Carried Fireworks are planned for Friday this year for the Ox Roast. John reported that the Village Council does not want fireworks next year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, they desire to have the fireworks during the Ox Roast.

OLD BUSINESS: Dale and Brian met with Kalamazoo Excavation 2 weeks ago about catch basins on Exchange Street. It appears two catch basins are within the proposed budget but they will need elevations from the Village engineer. Brian was told by the engineer they would have the information this week.

Retention pond fish kill last week, Kim contacted SOLitude Lake Management who are contracted for algae control about the fish kill. They concluded there was a lack of oxygen because of the weeds, algae, shallowness of the pond (3'-4') and stagnation of the water. They are going to supply a cost for a solar fountain to oxygenate the water.

NEW BUSINESS: Rico and or Monique Crowley were going to attend tonight meeting to discuss SDM license for Fruit Street. Dale asked John if he could stop and see them as this will ultimately be a Village issue.

Brian contacted Dale today about replacing the American Flags for the light posts. Committee is in favor of sharing the cost with the Village, \$35 for 45 poles, and to have them be American made. Motion by Mike supported by Kim to assist the Village purchasing new American Flags up to \$800. Carried it was suggested Brian reach out to American Legion or the business behind Kellogg Hardware in Hartford as a source to by the flags.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm