

MELROSE TOWNSHIP DDA MINUTES
Regular Meeting of October 29, 2015
At Melrose Township Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Broc Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present: Broc Johnson, Vern Goodwin, Bob Vratana, Judy Goldsmith, Calvin Penfold, Steve Whittaker, and Dave Rentschler.

Members absent: Mike Strobel and Jonathon Borisch.

Staff present: Recording Secretary Tom Mackie

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vern Goodwin motioned, Dave Rentschler seconded, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tom Mackie reviewed the statement of Revenues and Expenses compared to budget. The current cash balance is \$80,612.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Park Lighting and Electrical:** Project is complete. Security lighting at the bathhouse is installed and operating. Park sign light is also operational.
- B. Streetscape Development and Funding:** Bank has advised we need a Financial Advisor to put together a bid package for bond sale. Vern will discuss with Attorney Pat McGow from Miller-Canfield. TAP grant application has been submitted, but only covers part of project. Decision on grant is not expected until February and we expect to begin construction in spring 2016
- C. Sailboat Sign:** We now have a signed and recorded easement with Jonathon Borisch for installation on his property adjacent to the Boat Launch Parking Lot. Miss Dig has already marked the site. Mike will build support system and install lettering "Walloon Lake Village - Home of the 17 Meter." Hopefully this can be accomplished next week.
- D. Utility Burial Discussion:** Broc and Jonathon met with Consumers Field Engineer to discuss burying village utility lines behind the store and east of the parking lot, but have determined this is not feasible. Broc will meet with Josh Martin on Monday at 2:00 PM to consider burying the lines along M-75.

V. NEW BUSINESS - FUTURE PROJECT DISCUSSION:

Broc asked everyone to continue thinking about ideas for additional projects.

Steve provided an update on the Recovery Lodge at US131 and Springvale Road, as well as the proposed restaurant. The old bar building has been gutted and is being remodeled, but an opening date is not yet known.

Dave asked if the DDA could help with park projects. Broc noted several new features have just recently been added, including new basketball and pickle ball courts.

Dean Hicks provided a progress update on the snowmobile extension into the village.

Steve suggested DDA sponsorship of festivals, farmer markets, or other special events. Broc noted these activities are included in the DDA Plan Project List with a priority of "On-Going."

VI. DDA MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: A meeting will be called when new information is available.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Tom Mackie, Recording Secretary

Judy Goldsmith, Secretary