

Downtown Development Authority Board Minutes

August 8, 2005

Chairman Reaume called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Reaume
Joseph Barone
Dave Cook arrived at 4:25 p.m.
Jim Grutza arrived at 4:07 p.m.
Ron Kasperski
Mike Kolb
Michelle Ludtke Si Nahra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Thomas Booth, Excused
Si Nahra, Excused

ALSO PRESENT:

Dean Hay, Certified Arborist, McKenna Associates
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of minutes for the July 11, 2005, meeting

Moved by Mr. Kolb, supported by Mrs. Ludtke, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2005, meeting as presented.

Ayes all, with Mr. Cook and Mr. Grutza absent.

4. Old Business

Mr. Reaume discussed with members the misunderstanding that the MDOT \$4,000 quote included all the way from Eckles to Haggerty. It just included from the expressway to Haggerty, and only the areas they disturbed. Mr. Reaume said he was told it would cost \$38,000, with the Township paying between \$9000 and \$9750, to install sod from I-275 to Haggerty Road and only certain areas in front of CVS.

He said he understood there was not that much disturbance on the east side from the Shell station and Dunkin' Donuts to Eckles Road and hydro-seeding will just be done there.

Mr. Reaume asked Mr. Hay to check on the areas where the planting beds come within two inches of the verge or the sidewalk, making that small area difficult to maintain.

Mr. Kolb again expressed the need for business owners to have a contact person in case of problems.

Mr. Reaume said the project would eventually be turned over to the DDA and Mr. Anulewicz and Mr. Hollis from the Department of Public Service have been instructed to begin preparing RFP's for the contracting of maintenance.

Moved by Mr. Kasperski, supported by Mr. Barone, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$10,000 for sodding the area between the curb and sidewalk (approximately 7,000 square yards) from I-275 west to Haggerty Road. This motion supercedes the motion authorizing the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for this purpose made at the last meeting, July 11, 2005.

Ayes all, with Mr. Cook absent.

5. New Business

- A. Update and Status of Ann Arbor Road Streetscape Project
Terry Croad, McKenna & Associates.

Mr. Dean Hay of McKenna Associates reviewed with members the Ann Arbor Road Streetscape Status Report from Terry Croad.

Mrs. Ludtke stressed the importance of separating the financial obligation for mowing in the RFP, prior to making an informed decision on agreeing to mow the area. She also asked for a projection of income in comparison to expenses for the next year.

Mr. Cook arrived at 4:25 p.m.

- B. Approval of Invoices.

Moved by Mr. Grutza, supported by Mr. Cook, to approve payment of the invoices presented in the amount of \$4,671.75.

Ayes all.

6. Public Comment - There was none.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Cook, supported by Mrs. Ludtke, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Richard M. Reaume, Chairman
Downtown Development Authority

Michelle Ludtke, Secretary
Downtown Development Authority

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