

Downtown Development Authority Board Minutes

May 14, 2007

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Reaume
Joseph Barone
Thomas Booth
Dave Cook
Jim Grutza
Ron Hunroe
Ron Kasperski
Mike Kolb
Michelle Ludtke arrived at 4:08 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

James Anulewicz, Director of Public Services
Patrick Fellrath, Township Civil Engineer

3. Approval of minutes of the February 12, 2007, meeting

Moved by Mr. Kolb, supported by Mr. Booth, to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 12, 2007.

Ayes all.

4. Old Business

A. Update on Streetscape Maintenance (Eckles and Haggerty)

Mr. Fellrath indicated the contractor has completed spring cleanup and completed a couple rounds of lawn mowing. This is year two of a three-year contract for Denny's Landscaping. Last year the work was divided among Denny's who was responsible for trimming and lawn mowing and the MDOT contractor who was responsible for the remainder. This year Denny's is responsible for everything including weeding and maintenance of the landscape beds, fertilization, watering, and picking up trash along the corridor. Start-up of the sprinkling system is scheduled for this week

A final walk-through was made in early May by the arborist from McKenna Associates and the MDOT landscape contractor to determine if any replacement plants are needed. There were a handful of plants which were scheduled to have been replaced last week, though a status report has not yet been received.

B. Streetscape Grasses and Plants: Transplant and Replacement Needs

Mr. Fellrath reviewed the various areas for removal of the high Little Kitten grasses and Russian sage and because of the objections of various businesses and visibility concerns at intersections. Dwarf fountain grasses are the suggested replacement for the Little Kitten grasses between UI-275 and Eckles Road and in front of the Massey dealership, with no replacement for the Russian sage in front of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

Mr. Anulewicz indicated the contract was overseen the MDOT and these plants were chosen by MDOT landscape architects. The little kitten grasses can be transplanted to the new Township Hall site.

Mr. Fellrath reviewed the quote of \$6,993 from Denny's Landscaping for these removals, replacements, and transplantations.

Members discussed possible savings of \$1,857 by not transplanting the Little Kitten grasses at Township Hall or possibly having them planted by Township field crews or court workers.

Moved by Mrs. Ludtke, supported by Mr. Cooke, to spend up to \$5,200.00 to remove the Little Kitten grasses and replace them with Dwarf Fountain grasses between I-275 and Eckles Road and in front of the Massey dealership and to remove the Russian sage in front of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

Ayes all.

Mr. Reaume expressed appreciation for the hard work and photographs taken.

C. CSX/Ann Arbor Road Railroad Bridge Concepts: Project Status

Mr. Fellrath reviewed with members the status sheet from Hubbell, Roth & Clark who are determining how to proceed with the project.

CSX explained their lack of response to the communication from the Township was because of a labor issue which has to be resolved. Work will be continued toward expediting the project.

Mr. Anulewicz explained his advice to Hubbell, Roth & Clark for dealing with CSX in attempting to complete the project.

5. New Business

A. Approval of Invoices

Two invoices were added to the original list which was in the amount of	\$20,816.66:
Hubbell Roth and Clark	1,137.93
Denny's Landscaping	6,910.00
	\$28,864.59

Mr. Barone left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Ludtke, supported by Mr. Grutza, to approve payment of the invoices as submitted, totaling \$28,,864,.59.

Ayes all, with Mr. Barone absent.

A. Public Comment - There was none.

B. Supervisor's Comments

Mr. Reaume commented on the following:

Possible interest in properties along the Ann Arbor Road corridor
5/3 Bank has final site plan approval at the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads

The Ridge Road intersection at Ann Arbor Road will be improved this year with a dedicated right turn lane and full traffic signal

The water tower is scheduled to be painted with 50,000 gallons of paint
Pfizer/Esperion closing Ann Arbor and Plymouth Township facilities. Another entity is interested in the facility located in the township.

Mr. Anulewicz gave an update on progress for the Ann Arbor/Haggerty Road shopping center. Street closings are in process. Next phase will be starting with utilities.

Adjournment

Moved by _____, supported by _____, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Richard M. Reaume, Chairman
Downtown Development Authority

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