

LAWRENCE DDA

OCTOBER 25, 2023 MEETING

The monthly meeting at the Village office 157 N. Paw Paw Street called to order at 5:35 with the following members present: John Gritter, Mike Chappell, Kim Thompson, Steve Petersen, Dale Gribler. Guest Annette Crandall. Absent Gary Barton, Theresa Stroud, Chris Sariano.

TREASURERS REPORT: no financials available however the bank statement as of 9/30/2023 (attached) Farmers Market \$2,178.32. DDA \$72,222.73

Kim does not believe the DDA has received the delinquent summer taxes from the Village over the past two years. She also needs financial reports to complete the annual DDA report. Dale will discuss the tax item with Theresa this week.

MINUTES: minutes of the August meeting were presented with the following notations made: Mikes last name is with two pp and ll, Kim stated we need to include members absent.

Motion by Mike supported by Steve to accept the minutes with members comments. Carried

FAÇADE REPORT: no new applications on file, however a group of young people with the help of adult volunteers painted a mural on the old Simple Comforts building. Members agreed to have the paint paid for by the Façade improvement line item budget. John mentioned it may be nice to have a Mural painted on the southside of the old gun shop. Dale will try to contact Ms Goens to see if she is receptive to this idea.

FARMERS MARKET: no report but Steve felt it went well. Members asked Steve to remind Jan that we do have money in the DDA budget to pay for a market manager.

STREETSCAPE: Steve mentioned about pavement painting could be used to calm traffic speeds, may want to talk to traffic engineers with this idea as there are plans to repave Paw Paw Street next year. With that in mind we should also inquire about paving the village parking lot while the work is being done on Paw Paw Street. The Christmas lights are in from Bronners, however, with the short staff of DPW Gribler suggested we contract with the Village electrician to install the lights, Motion by Kim supported by Steve to approve up to \$3500 to install the new Christmas lights. Carried

NEW BUSINESS: Gribler reported that we have an incubator application from Fruit Street Kitchen for reimbursement. He reminded members we have already accepted and paused payments when the Crowleys had the old ChiDog building. Motion by Kim supported by Steve to unpaue the payment schedule for the Crowleys minus the previous payments made. Carried

Annette brought up an idea from the planning commission to allow Tiny Homes in the village as a means for affordable housing. Members were receptive to the idea.

John brought up the proposal for the DDA to pay for the music in the park going forward. This would be part of the upcoming budget process. Discussion on the community development being included in the DDA program, consensus was positive and would like to see Phil Glinnie appointed to the DDA and he could chair community development subcommittee.

Next meeting will be December 13th, at 5:30. NOTE THIS DATE WILL BE OUR MEETING DATE FOR BOTH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER because of the holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35