LAWRENCE DDA MEETING

157 N. PAW PAW STREET

JULY 24, 2004

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

WELCOME BACK GARY

JUNE MINUTES: Moved by Phil supported by Mike to approve the minutes as presented, Carried

TREASURERS REPORT: no financials available yet, Bank Balance for DDA as of todays date \$99,629.12; Farmers Market Bank Balance as of today \$1,991.59. NOTE: account#6249 has a balance of \$381.56 which is left over from last years Christmas Bizarre which will be ear marked for community development. Kim advised she has the estimate of revenue for next year of \$187,000.

FARMERS MARKET: began July 6^{th} , appears that Karissa is doing well. The market is well attended by vendors and buyers.

FAÇADE GRANTS: none received. Kim will have postcards to DDA property owners informing them of the façade grant amounts in August. These grants are for both residential and business properties.

STREETSCAPE: no report. Brian Johnson received information to install 5 catch basins on Exchange Street adjacent to the park. Cost estimate of \$49,000. The DDA has set aside \$30,000 to help Village with the project. John stated the Village does not have funding to put towards this drainage project. The park is the Jewell of village and the water issue needs to be addressed. MOTION by John supported by Kim to approve the transfer of \$50,000 to the Village to install 5 catch basins. Discussion Steve asked if we could look into creating a bioswales on exchange. Dale mentioned that we should anticipate the installation of catch basins on Baker and Elizabeth next year. Vote on motion Carried.

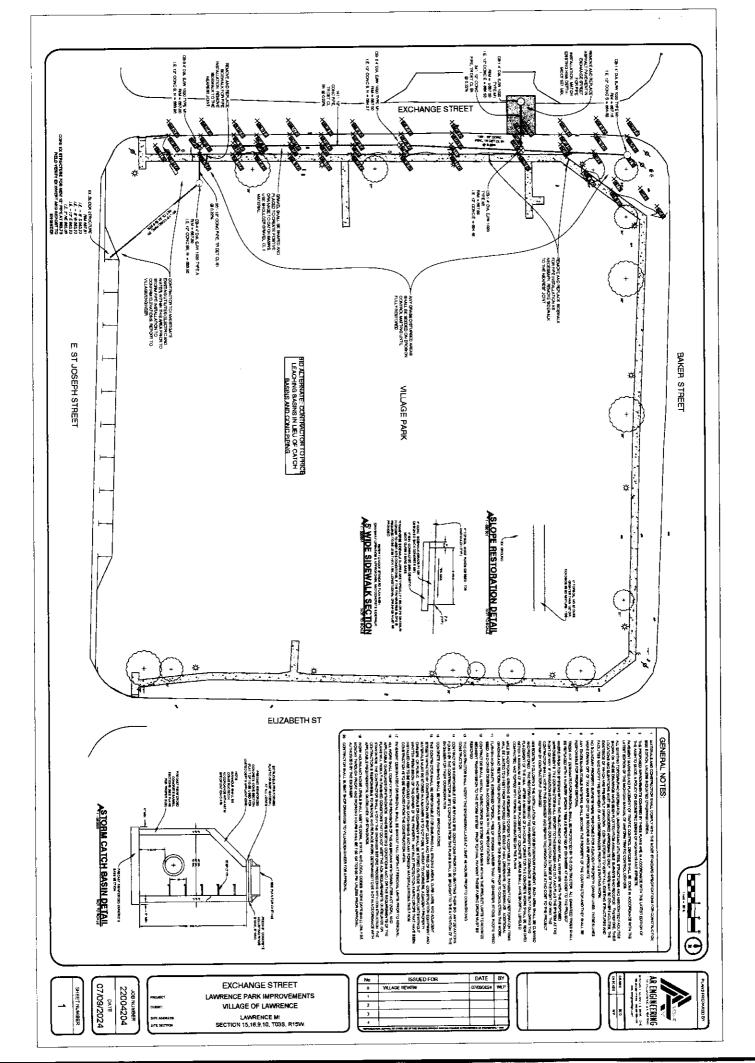
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: July minutes attached. Phil reported he has talked to Badger about a new Christmas tree in the park. They will provide the DPW will need to remove the current tree and coordinate with Badger to plant the new tree.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW flags will be ordered directly through the American Legion Vendor. Gary offered new poles for the flags if the DPW needs them. Park benches ordered but not in yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Kim received a quote from SOLITUDE for a solar fountain for the retention pond at Brausch Park for \$10,996 plus \$232 per hour to install estimated 4 hours labor. Solitude also suppled a cost for an underwater arrator for an additional \$13,000. Discussion on that resulted in the idea to purchase the fountain only. Motion by Kim supported by John to purchase a solar fountain from SOLITUDE and installation not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion by Gary supported by Mike to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm

Next meeting August 28th at 5:30



07/10/24 - Lawrence Community Development - July 2024

6:10 pm -- Lawrence Village Hall

Attendance: Phil Glennie, Mary & Andrew Muday, Arnie Redsicker, Fern Conklin

Review May minutes, no June meeting - motion Mary/2nd Fern, approved

Community Development Budget: no discussion

Trunk or Treat - Saturday - 10/26/24 (times yet to be set) Halloween:

- Phil to check with Conference Center and Methodist Church to participate

- 10/31/24 (times yet to be set by Village Council) Trick or Treat -Thurs

Christmas in The Village - Dec 14th 2024 (Paw Paw is 12/7, Hartford is 12/14)

Breakfast at Legion 8-11 am

not confirmed yet

2-4 pm

Santa at Library

7:00

Parade - recommended change from 6 to 7 by Chief Anchor, also is recommending changing

parade route depending on traffic and possibility of semi parade

Light up Christmas tree in Park with Santa 7:30

Hot Choc and cookies at Legion 7:30 to 8:00

Discussion on whether Christmas Cards will be in park for 2024, also status of our Christmas tree in park if it ca pruned to appear like a Christmas tree or replaced

House Decoration Contests (Halloween, Xmas) - Christmas & Halloween.

- check with DDA if gift cards OK - No Discussion

Music in Park — booked for summer 2024

Miss Lawrence - Banquet in St Joseph 5/14 to award Key to the Village to Kennedi Klock

History Night - no discussion

New Business: Arnie states Master Plan needs to be more visionary, less boiler plate. Community needs to be les insular, more progressive, looking in the rearview mirror rather than ahead. Social media posts recently are a symptom of "lack of community" thus creating perceptions rather than building common experiences.

OLD (tabled) BUSINESS:

- " Taste of Lawrence": No discussion
- Local restaurant gift certificates no discussion
- Artist Market Jeff Heaton in early August possibly, Jeff looking at various weekends for best fit
- Recognition Day No discussion
- Welcome Wagon Welcome mat ceremonies completed (2/17-Fruit Street, 3/16-Soule Farm Sweets). Will che DDA for same for new hair salon and combined event for existing business (Freedom, Acapulco, SW Mich Feed Lawsons, Marathon) - no discussion

Adjourned 6:57 pm

Respectively submitted - PJG