

Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting - Minutes February 18, 2025 – 7:00am

Members Present: Jeremy Borgman, Brent Clark, Tom Zuniga, David Vander Wall, Angela Hatto, Kellen Brusveen, Bob Chapin, Angela Sirotko, Adam Elenbaas

Not Present: Ross Stevens, Rence Meredith, Steve Spriensma

Guests: Kris Schuitema

Agenda

1. Opportunity for public comment – None Present
2. Approval of the November 19, 2024 meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Vander Wall, support by Zuniga. Motion passes.
3. Election of 2025 Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary: Motion by Vander Wall, support by Clark to appoint Bob Chapin as Chair, Jeremy Borgman as Vice Chair, and Steve Spriensma as Secretary. Motion passes.
4. Parks & Recreation Update: Township Trustee and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Kris Schuitema provided updates on Parks and Recreation. The group is working on plans for a facelift to the park which is anticipated to include updates/relocation of ballfields with the potential removal of a field; shade at the bandshell; a potential skate park; and other updates over a period of three years. As a first step, Ms. Schuitema proposed using an architectural/engineering firm to develop concepts and requested funding to work with a firm. Discussion included the requirement that multiple firms be contacted to get pricing. Motion by Clark and support by Borgman to amend the budget and approve up to \$50,000 for architectural/engineering concepts. Roll call vote: All members approved.
5. Joal Street Sidewalk Variance Update: Clark, Vander Wall and Elenbaas provided updates from the Road Commission and Board of Trustees meetings. The Road Commission denied the variance requesting the sidewalk be installed closer to the road. The Township Board determined not to proceed with the sidewalk project. Members asked if a petition could be routed and brought back to the Board of Trustees. Vander Wall will ask the Board of Trustees about this at a future meeting.

6. Township Updates: Clark asked about purchasing the property at 11014 68th Ave that is currently for sale. The Township Board had previously decided not to purchase the properties adjacent to the Township Park and instead use those funds for other future park projects or purchases.
7. Public comment – None Present
8. Next meeting: March 18, 2025
 - a. Fall Festival Updates
 - b. Banner Updates
9. Adjourn: Motion by Vander Wall to adjourn, support by Sirotko. Meeting adjourned at 8:09.