



BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
July 14, 2010

A Work Session of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rybski and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Rybski, Bielecki, Skotanis, Varady, Willis, and Economic Development Manager DiSanto, and DDA Project Coordinator Campbell.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: DiMilia, Khan, and Linko

STREET PATCHING BID RESULTS DISCUSSION: The subdivision street patching budget was estimated at \$500,000 but came in much less at \$168,022 from C & L Enterprises, Inc. of Shelby Township, MI. Wade Trim Associates has not worked with this contractor but did contact references and received replies indicating exceptional work within cost by this company. The Township Board has already concurred with the recommendation and the project is expected to start the first week in August.

EMIT ROAD DISCUSSION: Discussion was held regarding a petition submitted by the residents for the paving of Emit Road. DDA Attorney Young provided his determination for justification of the project and the need for access to public utilities. Al's Asphalt paving has provided an estimate of \$89,000 for one-half mile of paving. Funding for this project could come from the remainder of the unused street patching budget amount.

FAÇADE GRANT DISCUSSION / UPDATE: DiSanto has contacted local banks and attended an SBA lending conference. Due to the current economy, commercial business loans are almost impossible to get right now. The DDA could choose to guarantee the loans and review each request on a case-by-case basis. DiSanto should have the formal language to members soon for review and implementation.

CAPITAL PARK DISCUSSION: Township-owned Capital Park is within the DDA district at Telegraph and Apollo Villa Drive. Project Coordinator Campbell explained the Park's current equipment is very old and in poor shape, resident complaints have been received, and it is also on the Recreation Department's 5-year master plan. She will provide a concept drawing and estimates for tomorrow's DDA meeting.

BANNERS DISCUSSIONS: Campbell explained the various types, styles, colors and prices of display banners that are available. She is also waiting on another company's quote.

TOWN CENTER DISCUSSION: Skotanis inquired what the timeline was for the Town Center development. DiSanto explained that economic times are very hard in Michigan right now. But the underlying pieces continue to be laid for the base such as the traffic signals, street lighting, signs and the banners, etc. The Market Study will be ready soon and DiSanto expects to have a recommendation for review very soon.

S. Bowman a resident of Emit Road thanked the DDA for their consideration of the paving of Emit Road.

Motion of Willis, supported by Varady, to adjourn the Downtown Development Authority Work Session at 5:09 p.m. All present voting aye.

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