



BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, January 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Skotanis and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bielecki, Ferguson, Linko, Skotanis and Smith.

Also in attendance were: Downtown Development Authority Assistant Directors Trussell and Gustafsson and DDA Attorney Young.

EXCUSED: DiMilia, Goleniak, Khan and Vidusic

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion by Ferguson, supported by Bielecki, to approve the Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of November 20, 2014 as submitted. All present voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Bielecki, supported by Linko, to approve the Downtown Development Authority agenda for January 15, 2015 as submitted. All present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

2015 DDA PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Assistant Director Gustafsson presented a collectively prepared list of the planned 2015 DDA projects and events. The DDA Board members will be updated throughout the year on the projects and events.

RECREATION CAMPUS – PHASE 5A IMPROVEMENTS

Assistant Director Gustafsson presented Phase 5A Improvements to the DDA Board. This critical part of the project is located on the south side of King Road between the Community Center and the Event Center Complex. Construction of Phase 5A includes: Campus Drive connecting the Event Center complex to the existing Municipal Drive, Parking along Municipal Drive and Campus Drive; Soccer Field; ADA Walkways, and; Site Landscaping and Lighting. There is money earmarked for this project in the DDA 2015 budget. Competitive bids will be going out to 3-4 firms in the next couple of weeks. Assistant Director Gustafsson answered several questions and concerns.

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Smith, to accept the next phase of the Recreation Campus 5A Improvements. All present voting aye.

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Events Update

Assistant Director Trussell gave an update on the following events:

*Breakfast before Business – Local businesses will be invited to attend this breakfast with a guest speaker. This event will be scheduled for the last week in February. The topic will be Health Care Reform and how the changes will affect businesses. Details are still being worked out.

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Events Update (Continued)

*Brownstown Cares – This Community Expo will be held on March 11th, 2015 at the Event Center from 11 am to 4 pm. The focus will be on educating and informing community residents on ways to improve their lives. Including job search information, senior services and first time home buyers program, etc.

*Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Business Expo - The Brownstown DDA will attend and participate at this Chamber event on January 30th, 2015 from 8 am to 3 pm at Crystal Gardens. A black tie event will follow from 6 pm to 9 pm.

*Little Free Library – The DDA is working with the Woodhaven/Brownstown Rotary to install a Little Free Library near the Community Center. It is a world-wide program that promotes literacy and community engagement with the concept “take a book, return a book.”

New Business Update

Brownstown welcomes the following new businesses:

*Champions Sports Grill, 22112 Sibley, opened November 22, 2014. It is a full service sports bar restaurant.

*Dirty Dog Pet Grooming, 22760 West Road, opened October 23, 2014.

*Telegraph Storage, 21516 Telegraph, will be opening within the next couple of weeks. It will have a drive through storage, inside storage, climate controlled storage and outdoor storage.

*Ultimate Dental, 19636 Allen Road, opened November 24, 2014. Dr. Hadad provides family dental care with the highest standard of technology and treatment.

Additional Comments

Economic Development Manager DiSanto added the following comments:

*2014 DDA Accomplishments will be presented at the February DDA Meeting.

*MDOT – last segment of Telegraph Road Reconstruction (South of King Road to Pennsylvania Road) scheduled for 2017.

*Meeting with the County and Township Board for funding of road paving, joint sealing, and/or repair in Brownstown sub-divisions.

*Meeting with the Woodhaven School District on a bond renewal for capital improvements.

*DTE Solar Project at I-75 and Pennsylvania Road.

*Meeting to discuss a left- hand turn signal at Struin Road and Van Horn to the Woodhaven High School parking lot.

*Dix-Toledo overpass at I-75 new signalization.

*Potential Gudith/Sibley signal being discussed with County.

November and December 2014 Financial Reports

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Ferguson, to approve the November 2014 Check Disbursement Reports for accounts 248 and 469 for a total amount of \$25,610.75. All present voting aye.

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Smith, to approve the December 2014 Check Disbursement Reports for accounts 248 and 469 for a total amount of \$85,710.36. All present voting aye.

DDA ATTORNEY YOUNG

Motion by Bielecki, supported by Ferguson, to approve to pay DDA Attorney Young’s bill for November and December 2014 in the total amount of \$7,695. All present voting aye.

Motion by Smith, supported by Bielecki, to adjourn the Downtown Development Authority meeting at 12:51 p.m. All present voting aye.