

Crystal Township DDA Meeting – May 5, 2023

Members present: David Wight, Mark Lane, Jeremy Sheets, Christine Cleaver, Gerrit Bakker

Absent: Mark Beach, Patti Stowell, Deb Powell, Stan Kempe

Guest Attendee: Sarah Daily

Chairman David Wight called the meeting to order at 8:00am

Meeting Agenda presented – motion to approve by Gerrit; Seconded by Jeremy. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes from the April meeting – motion to approve by Gerrit; Seconded by Jeremy. All ayes, motion carried.

2023 Winter Festival Final Report – David presented the final wrap up report for the Winter Festival.

2023 MIP and Raffle Status Report – David updated the board on ads being placed for the MIP events. David also presented packets of tickets for each DDA board member for the Summer Raffle.

Facade Grant Program Update – David presented the latest application for a grant from Mark Sidhu at the Quick Stop. After reviewing the application Gerrit motioned to approve the grant; Seconded by Mark. All ayes motion carried.

That makes 4 grant applications this year, with three of them approved by the board.

Land Bank Authority – David discussed the available Land Bank Grant Blight Elimination Program, and indicated that it appears that our region does not have a land bank authority, thus any application would need to be completed thru the Township Board. David suggested that Gerrit approach the Township Board if he was interested in applying for a grant from the available \$200K allocated for our region for Demolition of vacant properties. Gerrit noted the grant was also available for Stabilization of vacant properties and would like to know more about that aspect of the Land Bank Grant opportunity. David agreed to provide more info at the next meeting.

DDA Planning Committee – David has requested a list of suggested future projects that we should include in a “Re-statement of Revitalization Plan”. The list should include projects that should be considered for completion over the next 20 years, and would be part of our effort to restate our plan and extend the TIF program.

Review of Public Information Presentation – Tabled

Public Comment - none.

Motion made by Jeremy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christine. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Wight, Chairman