

SEBEWAING DDA COMMITTEE MEETING – April 11 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Julie Epperson at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Matthew Chisholm, Doug Deming, Julie Epperson, Neal Gettel, Emma Kauffold, Melanie McCoy, Jeff Parsons, Edward Canfield (6:18 p.m.)

Absent: Matt Bumhoffer

Others: Mary Bauer, Scott Beedon, Cristina Eberlein, Judy Gregory, Janice Hahn, Brian & Theresa Kain, Deb Reinhardt, Jim & Kelli Shaw, Noreen & Rod Tietz, Megan Tietz, Linda Engelhardt

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Deming to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Chisholm seconded by Kauffold to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Unfinished Business

249 North Center Street Update – Nothing has been brought to Planning Commission.

244 N Center Street Update – Village of Sebewaing (VoS) is the next on the list for funding as previous meeting update by Carl from the Huron EDC. Next step for the Village of Sebewaing is to acquire the property from the land owner.

Redevelopment Ready Communities – An Informational Community Meeting, per requirement by the Tax Increment Financing Act 57 of 2018, will be held at 6:30 p.m. following the Quarterly Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting tonight April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sebewaing Township Hall. The Informational Community Meetings are for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the DDA.

Foreclosed Properties – Village of Sebewaing has no parcels on the Huron County Foreclosure List for 2023.

Sebewaing Township

McCoy will approach the Sebewaing Township again to request Township tax capture for the DDA and provide updates on the projects/progress the funding could do for the VoS DDA District. She was not given a hard “No” the last meeting she attended.

Ideas for DDA Capture Dollars

A list of ideas for the DDA captured dollars was reviewed. Discussion on the needs and small projects the DDA could accomplish. DDA captured dollars balance is \$9,005.89. Discussion about putting some of the DDA capture dollars in a CD instead of just holding in a bank account. Doug Deming would look into CD availability.

Motion by Deming seconded by McCoy to move DDA captured dollars to a CD account at a bank to get best interest opportunity.

Bumhoffer: absent; Canfield: absent (at time of vote); Chisholm: yea; Deming: yea; Gettel: yea; Kauffold: yea; McCoy: yea; Parsons: yea; Epperson: yea.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Grant Resources

Village of Sebewaing office provided a list of Grant Opportunities available for the DDA Board to review. If someone on the DDA Board would be interested in writing a grant to help with funds for the DDA District for Village improvements.

A question was asked about how many vacant businesses are in the Village of Sebewaing. This would be addressed in the Informational Community Meeting which followed the DDA Board Meeting.

Question was asked about the 232 N Center Street (old Norman's building). Update given a retired dentist purchased, cleaned and built a lab on the 2nd floor of the building. He has a patent for toothpaste and mouthwash which is mostly sent overseas. Business closed due to Covid and production has ceased, and owner has passed away. The family is deciding what will come next for the property.

The next meeting for the DDA is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Sebewaing Municipal Office.

Adjournment

Motion by Gettel seconded by Deming to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. for the DDA meeting.

Informational Community Meeting began at 6:30 PM

Introductions were given by all the DDA Board Members and attendees.

Jeff Parsons presented a power point. Update on the Dog Park. A dog obedience class was led by Cindy Parsons and Chief Steve Repkie at Bay Shore Camp for 17 dogs and their owners. Twelve Good Citizen Canine Awards were given out. \$400.00 was donated for the dog park from the dog obedience class. The dog park grant written last year for the dog park is also being offered this year. Jeff and Cindy will submit the grant again this year. Jeff encouraged everyone to vote every day after it is submitted. Jeff will let the village residents know after it is submitted. Donations are being solicited and can be made at the Village Office. The first thing needed for the dog park is a fence.

Comment on the posts in the Village of Sebewaing to be painted blue to spruce up the village.

Ideas for DDA Captured Dollars

Kayak Launch, Popcorn Shop, Arcade, Ceramics Shop, Maker's Space, Pool, Fitness Center, Bridge Lights, Community Center, Repainted Light poles and benches, Trash cans, Antique Boat Show, Downtown Theme, Food Truck Festival, Restaurant, Gift Shop, Business Incubator, Retail Incubator, Friday Farmer's Market, Ice / Roller Rink, Walking Path, Band Shell, and Brewery.

All ideas were listed on a separate piece of paper, hung on the wall and each person in attendance was given stickers to designate to their favorite idea for Village of Sebewaing. The DDA board will compile the information for a future Informational Community Meeting.

Informational Community Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Engelhardt

(notes item for Village Council)*