

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Record of the July 21, 2010 Meeting
APPROVED**

Members Present: Beth Lewis; Mike Maher; Paul Mecklenborg; Gail Perrin; Triscia Pilchowski; Roscoe Smith

Members Absent: Doreen Kosieracki

Staff Present: Melissa Dashevich

Visitors Present: Rick Hamill
John Hirzel

Mr. Roscoe Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approve Regular Board Minutes of June 16, 2010

TRISCIA PILCHOWSKI MOVED to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2010 as corrected. SUPPORTED BY PAUL MECKLENBORG and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote. (6 yes votes)

OLD BUSINESS

Ace Party Store Payment

PILCHOWSKI MOVED to approve the facade improvement grant payment for Ace Party Store in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). SUPPORTED BY MIKE MAHER and the motion carried with a roll call vote: Mecklenborg – yes; Maher – yes; Perrin – yes; Lewis – yes; Pilchowski – yes and Smith – yes (6 yes votes)

Sidewalks

Mecklenborg stated he would like to proceed with sidewalks; it is in the TIF. It was discussed that a TIF review meeting will be scheduled shortly, as discussed at the last HDDA meeting. Mecklenborg suggested that a date be set for the TIF meeting for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 or Thursday, July 29, 2010. Mr. Smith stated Ms. Perrin will be on vacation and Mr. Smith would like all the board members present to review and discuss the TIF.

Mecklenborg stated he wants to keep moving. He also stated that more board members are needed to meet the requirement of eight (8) Board members. Mecklenborg would like to address the sidewalks as well as the East Livingston Project.

New Business

Set TIF Discussion Date

Smith will send out emails checking the availability of the board members and set the TIF Meeting accordingly.

Public Art Display

The next Huron Valley Council of the Arts Exhibition will be “A Natural Divergence”. This exhibit will involve some large outdoor sculptures. The opportunity may present itself to have some outdoor art pieces in front of Larry Shew’s building on Milford Road. There are currently cement pads existing intended for art display. Smith asked if the Highland DDA would like to support this.

MAHER MOVED to endorse the outdoor display of public art. Supported by BETH LEWIS and the motion carried with an unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes)

Committee Reports

Design Committee

Mecklenborg stated that he already discussed the Design Committee's concerns earlier in the meeting.

Economic Restructuring

Smith reported that this meeting did not take place this month.

Promotions and Organization

Smith reported that Doreen is on vacation this week, she has, however, decided to Chair the Promotions Committee again. Promotions and Organization meetings will resume.

MSOC

Save the Date - 10/10/10 Extravaganza for the MSOC Tenth Anniversary
Saturday, October 9, 2010 – 4:00 pm – 12:10 am October 10, 2010
At Orchard Lake St. Mary's Old Gym

The event purpose is to establish an Educational Scholarship Fund to send MSOC Program participants to downtown revitalization related conferences and workshops.

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REVIEWS

New business in our District are as follows:

- Fragments – very success opening. The Grand opening will be taking place within a month or so.
- Highland Insurance relocation from East Highland to the DDA District.
- Freedom Treasures Resale has also joined the DDA District.

Mr. Hirzel expressed concern with his sign application and the timing that has been involved. The process in general with the Township has not been easy and felt he is not getting anywhere. Pilchowski stated she will follow up on this for Mr. Hirzel.

It was also discussed if a permit is needed for awnings. Mr. Smith suggested Mr. Hirzel contact Township regarding this.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Financial Reports and no concerns were expressed.

Miscellaneous Discussion - Mecklenborg suggested the HDDA meetings start at 6:00 pm. Kosieracki has suggested at a past meeting that two HDDA meetings take place in a month.

Pilchowski suggested that Dashevich's pay be reviewed for a possible increase, either permanent or temporary, with the added work load that has resulted in the Director's departure.

Mr. Rick Hamill expressed interest in joining the Highland Downtown Development Authority's Board

Pilchowski stated no other Board members will be added until the TIF is reviewed and revamped by the current board members.

It was Mecklenborg's belief, there is a State Statute requiring not less than eight (8) board members on the Board.

Community Reports - None Offered

Call to the Public – Mr. Hamill stated he ran into Bob Donahue of MSOC and Jill Bahm who represents Birchler Arryo. They would be interested in attending the next HDDA Meeting. Pilchowski stated that she has spoken to Jill Bahm who is interested in Birchler Arryo consulting with the HDDA.

Pilchowski announced that the Huron Valley Promise has inquired tickets to Meadow Brook for the weekend of July 25th for *A Mouse Goes to School*. The Highland Library is distributing free tickets for this event.

PILCHOWKI adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm. SUPPORTED by LEWIS and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes)