

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Record of the February 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting
APPROVED**

Members Present: Roscoe Smith, Matt Barnes, Jim Stevenson, Mike Maher, John Hirzel (6:25), Rick Hamill (6:30)

Absent: Doug Bourgeois, Cassie Blascyk, Dale Feigley

Staff Present: Melissa Dashevich, Director
Karen Beardsley, Recording Secretary

Visitors: Kris Kopacki

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

(The order of business was changed in order to begin without a quorum.)

Director's Report

Mrs. Dashevich reviewed her report and a copy is attached.

Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2015

MR. MAHER MOVED TO APPROVE the regular board meeting minutes of January 21, 2015 as presented. MR. BARNES SUPPORTED and THE MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes).

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hirzel explained that he does not have financial statements at this time.

There was some discussion regarding potential property taxes and income for the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Township Board Meeting on March 25, 2015 (corrected from Agenda) with HDDA, Planning Commission, and ZBA

Supervisor Hamill shared that this is an opportunity to get all groups together to collaborate on a vision for downtown Highland, and get all points of view.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Supervisor Hamill shared that the extra curbing that was installed during the streetscape installation will allow for placement of trees, which was originally thought to be not allowed. These curbed areas are

just north of McPherson Street to just north of Governor Crapo on each side of Milford Road. Mr. Morningstar is involved in this to select the types of plantings will be best suited for these areas.

MSOC

Mrs. Dashevich stated that the four committees may be restructured into a task force type of approach. The Board should determine the goals, and the task force carries it out. Also, award nomination packets will be due March 20. The winners will be announced at the Main Event, held in Royal Oak.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Mrs. Dashevich confirmed that the Ice Cream Social and Square Dance will be held on May 16, and the HWLBA will be holding Laughs at the Legion on February 28.

Supervisor Hamill suggested that all Board Members brainstorm ideas for HDDA promotion, availability, visions, etc.

Supervisor Hamill also shared some interesting findings regarding the streetlights in all of Highland Township, after being approached by Detroit Edison regarding changing to LEDs. There seems to be enough of the electricity budget currently being wasted to remedy and possibly include the new streetscape lighting, at a net savings to the township. He will investigate further.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Roscoe Smith

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