

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
Record of the August 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Chris Hamill, Cassie Blascyk, Roscoe Smith, Matt Barnes, Mike Zurek, Trevor VonBuskirk (arrived at 7:37)

**Members Absent:** Rick Hamill, Sellon Patterson, Sarina Siljander

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

**Visitors Present:** Stephanie Legg, Interior Designer

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**MRS. BLASCYK MOVED TO AMEND the agenda, moving the item related to 685 Harvey Lake Road, (F. Old Business) to immediately following Roll Call. MR. ZUREK SUPPORTED THE MOTION and THE MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (5 yes votes).**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**685 Harvey Lake Road Update**

Township Attorney Gary L. Dovre reviewed the status of the HDDA approved proposal from Mr. Davis regarding an updated timeline to remove his items from the property. Mr. Davis has not complied with the first request; therefore, eviction proceedings were to begin immediately upon default. The Eviction Order was issued by the Judge on 8/8/19, and the Court Officer personally served the order on Mr. Davis at the premises on 8/12/19. According to the officer, the house remains filled with personal items and there are still numerous outdoor items.

**MRS. HAMILL MOVED TO authorize the DDA attorney to have the Court Officer proceed with enforcement of the Order of Eviction in 52/1 District Court Case No. 19-C04196 LT and authorize the DDA Director with the approval of the Chairman to pay for the court officer's services and pay to secure the home against re-entry and trespass at 685 Harvey Lake Road at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. MR. BARNES SUPPORTED, but it was determined that a quorum was not present to vote on this motion, so motion was postponed.**

Alternate plans were discussed to hold a Special Meeting in the next week to approve this postponed motion. Mr. Dovre will contact the court officer to let him know that we intend to move forward with the eviction and will find out his schedule. Mr. Dovre left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

After some discussion, Mr. VonBuskirk was called to see if he was available to join the meeting. Mr. VonBuskirk arrived at 7:37 p.m., and the Agenda was further rearranged to address items that needed to be voted upon, while a quorum was present.

**Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2019.**

**MR. ZUREK MOVED TO APPROVE** the Regular Board Meeting minutes of July 17, 2019 as presented. **MRS. HAMILL SUPPORTED THE MOTION** and **THE MOTION CARRIED** with a unanimous voice vote (6 yes votes).

Returning to the Agenda Item regarding the property at 685 Harvey Lake Road, the previously postponed motion was re-introduced and read:

**MRS. HAMILL MOVED TO** authorize the DDA attorney to have the Court Officer proceed with enforcement of the Order of Eviction in 52/1 District Court Case No. 19-C04196 LT and authorize the DDA Director with the approval of the DDA Chairman to pay for the court officer's services and pay to secure the home at 685 Harvey Lake Road against re-entry and trespass by Mr. Davis or anyone else at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. **MR. BARNES SUPPORTED** and **THE MOTION CARRIED** with a roll call vote: M. Zurek-yes; C. Blascyk-yes; C. Hamill-yes; T. VonBuskirk-yes; M. Barnes-yes; R. Smith-yes.

Mr. VonBuskirk left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Mrs. Dashevich verbally reviewed her Director's Report; a copy is attached.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review proposed 2020 Budget**

- Use \$187,000 for Proposed TIF Revenue
- Mrs. Dashevich suggested combining 'Fundraising' and 'Sponsorship' line items to be renamed 'Fundraising/Sponsorships'; also remove the line item 'Highland Station Donations'. More discussion took place regarding proposed changes, with additional suggestions being considered.

### **MSOC Summer Visit**

Mrs. Dashevich spoke of MSOC's upcoming Summer Visit/Review and dates were discussed. She will update with further information.

## **OLD BUSINESS (revisited)**

### **Arch Update**

Mr. Smith shared some photographs he took to show the scale in the railroad tracks; particularly the proportions of the steel rails to the wood ties. Ms. Legg said that she made some corrections already, and will further define the drawings she has been sharing with Tad Krear.

### **Native Landscape Update**

Further modifications are being discussed and planned, especially at Milford Road and McPherson. Additional help is needed for maintenance. Rocking chairs will be added in three locations to enhance placemaking projects.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Organization** - Ms. Legg expressed her interest in assisting with a Volunteer Appreciation event.

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MSOC

Many opportunities being presented and shared by Oakland County. Information is included.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roscoe Smith

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