



## **MINUTES**

### **TIFA Regular Board Meeting**

### **October 16, 2020**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ron Armstrong called the TIFA meeting to order at 7:00 AM. The meeting was held at City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference during the COVID-19 Virus.

Presiding officer: Ron Armstrong

Secretary: Kim Goodin

Present at City Hall: Ron Armstrong, Ed Fedell, Morgan Heinzman, Peg Mathis, Kelly Tinkham,

Present via teleconference: John Buckley Jr., Julie Burrell, Joel Phillips, Chris Wren

Absent: Bryce Cronk, Aaron Leestma, Greg Slominski

Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager/TIFA Director, Kim Goodin: Secretary, Scott Faulkner: Economic and Community Development Coordinator

Motion by Fedell, second by Heinzman to excuse absent members. AIF/MC

Motion by Buckley Jr., second by Tinkham to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

Motion by Heinzman, second by Fedell to approve the 07/17/2020 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **RESERVED TIME**

Schneider discussed information in packets explaining TIFA/LDFA purpose, role, and focus. He spoke about the financial highlights of TIFA and LDFA along with the goals and direction for coming year. Schneider stated this presentation and information will be provided twice a year due to a new state requirement.

Schneider stated that a Crime Prevention Officer update was included in packets and that everything at The Stream is going well.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Schneider went over the TIFA/LDFA budgets in packets. He discussed special projects detail sheet and said a number of projects had been listed as at the time the budget was prepared it was not known which projects would be ready for this fiscal year. Board and Schneider discussed M-37 Pilot Program budget and configurations. Schneider stated that MDOT will make configuration decision in the spring of 2021.

Schneider discussed Henning Park Little League Baseball Field project and budget included in packets. Duane duChemin, representing Newaygo Little League, was present and discussed an outline of proposed timeline dependent on funding and stated that \$80,000 would be needed to utilize the West field for games and the East field for practice in the spring of 2021. Board discussed current TIFA budget stating that Henning Baseball Fields are listed as a potential project.

Motion by Heinzman, second by Fedell to approve up to \$100,000 for baseball field improvements at Henning Park Baseball Fields. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Burrell, Fedell, Heinzman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Cronk, Leestma, Slominski, Nay: None CARRIED

Armstrong left at 7:42 am

Faulkner gave an update on the Disc Golf Course Project discussing: disc golf course layout, budget, and economic impact for the community. He stated that the total approximate budget is \$175,000 and they have obtained about \$40,000 thus far between in-kind and cash donations. Faulkner explained that not much maintenance would be required for the course and that he is currently working on sponsorships.

Motion by Heinzman, second by Mathis to approve a total of \$65,000 for the Disc Golf Course Project. Roll Call: Yeas: Armstrong, Buckley Jr., Burrell, Fedell, Heinzman, Mathis, Phillips, Tinkham, Wren Absent: Cronk, Leestma, Slominski, Nay: None CARRIED

Faulkner discussed information in packets explaining various NEDO project updates. He discussed donations that were received from a former City resident for the museum project, Christian Healthcare Center project and River Country Chamber of Commerce. Faulkner stated that this individual will also be working on potential apartments by the United Church of Christ. He gave an update on the Christian Healthcare Center project and stated that the City had put out a RFP seeking proposals to assist with marketing and branding.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Heather Allen, owner of Market 41 and Muskegon River Inn, asked about availability of funds for small businesses due to COVID-19 and inquired about new trail along the Muskegon River. Schneider stated that grants and loans had been offered by the State and Federal levels. Burrell stated that she would follow up with Allen to discuss grants and loans available in more detail. Schneider discussed rustic trail along the Muskegon River that had been cleaned up by volunteers and stated that the City would like to fix gully area along this trail in future years.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Tinkham stated that the library is slowly getting patrons back to visit the library.

Mathis stated she is resigning from the TIFA Board as she has resigned from Newaygo Public Schools at the end of the school year. She stated that the Newaygo Public School Board will work with the Mayor to choose a school board representative to fill her position on the TIFA Board.

Schneider thanked Mathis for her time and service.

Motion by Tinkham, second by Heinzman to adjourn the meeting. AIF/MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM

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Kim Goodin, TIFA Secretary