

SPI Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Present: Brian Ross, Bill Bucher, John Lazur, Heather McNabb, Rich Mease, Sean Christine, Malcolm Derk,

Guests: Lindsay Trick, Carol Handlan, Paul Williams

Not present: Nina Mandel, Sara Lauver

The meeting was called to order by Malcolm Derk at 6:01 pm.

Monthly Minutes: A motion to approve November minutes was made by Bill Bucher. Second by John Lazur. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Brian Ross presented the treasurer's report. Things are pretty much as expected. Small gains were made in the Halloween Parade and Farmers Market. Brian shared the 2020 budget with the group. There are still facade grants to pay out. There are six projects in varying stages of completion. A motion to accept the treasurers report as submitted was made by Rich Mease. Second by Sean Christine. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the 2020 budget with the noted corrections of 15k image and \$1,500 increase in advertising for the 2020 Brewfest was made by Bill Bucher. Second by Rich Mease. Motion passed.

Comments from the Public: Paul Williams reported that the grant application was successful for phase 4 of the streetlight project. The award amount is 200k, the estimated project cost is 590k. Options are being reviewed for ways to make up the shortfall. Completion date for this project is June 2021. Paul shared handouts with the group regarding TODs signs. These signs range in cost from \$650-800, depending on size. The borough is looking for partners on the project while placing emphasis on the Susquehanna River.

Administrative Assistant Update: Lindsay Trick reported that there were multiple issues this year with the lights on the big tree at the end of town. Multiple calls were placed to PPL to have the power turned on. After 3 calls she was told that the breaker would need to be turned off to have the power turned on. This was accomplished and the power was turned on but then someone needed to go turn the breaker back on. Lindsay attempted to do this herself and was unsuccessful. Marsha and Janie have expressed interest in going with a new lighting system and LED lights for next year which eliminate all of the problems that existed this past year.

Promotions Committee: The committee is still looking for someone to chair the committee.

Economic Revitalization Committee: Malcolm Derk reported a total of \$18211 worth of facade grants have been distributed. Work was done at the following establishments: Isabella's Restaurant and Lounge, Bot's Tavern, Sushi Masa, Robert Grayston's property, Sire Advertising and Savidge

properties. No meeting was held this month. Homer's is still a go however work and renovation projects continue.

A motion to make Carol Handlan a voting member of the board of directors effective January was made by Bill Bucher. Second by Rich Mease. Motion passed.

Commons: John Lazur reported that Bartlett was in the commons at the end of November and completed work on necessary trees/shrubs. More disease control will take place in the spring. John is currently gathering bricks that will need to be repaired in the spring. He has been unsuccessful at making contact with someone from Sun Tech. A revision of the Commons Occupancy Permit was submitted by John for review. The new agreement would remain gender, religious and politically neutral. Action should take place on this in 2020. There were some falls on the commons during an icy spell on Friday December 13th. How should we handle the problem going forward? John will make contact with Shaffer Landscaping and tell them to be extra diligent about salting when the weather is icy to curtail incidents.

Possible Workspace in Downtown: Malcolm Derk reported that he spoke to the Selinsgrove chamber to see if they had any interest in a partnership if we were to rent space downtown. The chamber executive committee will discuss and get back to us with a financial commitment if interested. Malcolm had the opportunity to tour Robert Grayston's new property downtown. Jackie Reggia's building is also available. Jonathan Greene and Mike Coyne of Susquehanna University are still expressing interest as well. Selinsgrove High School FBLA also has an interest in selling Seals merchandise in the shared space and may be able to provide some funding assistance.

A motion to renew the annual membership to the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce was made by Sean Christine. Second by John Lazur. Motion passed.

The billboard will not be renewed for 2020. There were countless issues with lighting. Lindsay contacted Lamar many times over the last 3 years to report the lights were out. This problem wasn't always fixed in a timely fashion. There are other opportunities for advertising including a partnership with the chamber on the electronic billboard or advertising with Service Electric.

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm was made by Sean Christine. Second by Rich Mease. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Trick

Administrative Support
Selinsgrove Projects, Inc.