

May 5, 2021
Downtown Development Authority
Village of Bellevue
Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Bellevue Downtown Development Authority was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Carpenter.

Roll Call:

Present: C. Carpenter, K. Sparks, J. Lambka, N. Roberts, J. Gunn-Jackson

Absent: M. Goodrich, K. Travis, R. McKillop

J. Lambka moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2021 meeting, seconded by N. Roberts. Motion Carried.

The Bellevue's Farmer Market was discussed further. In gathering information it was noted that each vender would need to supply their own insurance at \$150 apiece. To get around this the DDA will look into starting a Farmer's Market Association and pay one \$150 fee for the entire market. Then each vender could pay a small \$5-\$10 fee to join. As of right now the goal is to have the farmer's market on Sundays and 1 day during the week in the evening to allow for people who work to attend. J. Lambka will follow up on the association details and if it is possible to get insurance under just the association if formed.

R. McKillop took her seat at 10:15 a.m.

4th of July fireworks and activities were discussed. R. McKillop has been passing out fireworks donation canister to the local business owners. A few individuals showed interest in running a corn hole tournament the Saturday before or on the 4th leading up to the fireworks, but they needed to check their schedule to see if they would be around. C. Carpenter will follow up with interested individuals to see if they can commit. It was mentioned that an entire day of events seems to be too much for people on the 4th because they are doing things with their family and not usually in the area. It was suggested to either start doing a 4th of July event the Saturday before (annually) or just keep it to a half day or couple hour event.

N. Roberts mentioned that the township has decided to opt in to the tax capture and that will start this year. N. Roberts also mentioned she received notification that the DDA did not file something for 2019 and she will look into what exactly needs to be filled and get back with the board.

Downtown grants for improvements were asked about and it was noted that currently there are only Covid relief grants going on and nothing for downtown improvements. N. Roberts stated she was still waiting to hear back on the street grant. A few suggestions were made that could be done to make downtown look a little nicer. N. Roberts will look through the magazine of light pole flags to see what a possible cost would be for the DDA to donate flags for downtown. Also it was mentioned to donate flowers to fill the downtown pots and get volunteers to plant.

C Carpenter has started the DDA Facebook page and will add community events to the page.

We have had in the holding area a suggestion to possibly put on a downtown scavenger hunt. R. McKillop will ask around to see if anyone is interested in heading up an event like this. Possibly during one of the current summer events or even on its own.

The board has decided to have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 10am at Village Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize the Farmer's Market and sort out any 4th of July details that need to be discussed before our June meeting.

R. McKillop moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m., seconded by K. Sparks. Motion carried.