

Jonesville Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of March 10, 2015

Present: Don Toffolo, Clint Barrett, Don Germann, Ron Gow, Chris Fast and Penny Sarles.

Absent: Gale Fix, Abe Graves and Robert Snow.

Also Present: Manager Gray, Asst. to the Manager McLean, Lenore Spahr (Riverfest Committee) and Christine Bowman (Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce).

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

A motion was made by Ron Gow and seconded by Don Germann to approve the minutes from January 13, 2015. All in favor. Absent: Gale Fix, Abe Graves and Robert Snow. Motion carried.

Lenore Spahr, Riverfest Committee Secretary/Treasurer spoke to the DDA on behalf of the 41st Annual Riverfest which will take place May 15, 16, and 17 of this year. Mrs. Spahr provided information regarding a few of the activities offered during the course of the three days: canoe/kayak races, Tom Sawyer raft race, Domestic Harmony Duck Derby, Jonesville Fire Department Chicken Barbeque, crafts/food vendors, car/bike show, tractor/antique snowmobile show, Triathlon, FFA plant sale/tractor pull, photo booth at Jonesville Lumber, Civil War reenactment at Grosvenor House Museum, and Shear Magic hosting "Wigs for Kids".

A recommendation was made to host a visitor's booth with information regarding the City of Jonesville, providing a map of events during Riverfest along with a map of current businesses in Jonesville. It was agreed that a booth will be set up on the corner of M-99 and US-12 at the City Hall building and will coincide with the booth for the Jonesville Recreation Program which will be selling t-shirts/popcorn/water/candy for the benefit of the recreation program.

Manager Gray provided updates on the following topics: Rail Trail, Heritage Lane, and the Klein Tool Building.

Christine Bowman of the Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce spoke on behalf of the Chamber. She updated the DDA regarding the Historic Preservation/Economic Development Workshop along with promotion of the Grosvenor Hotel property. She also stated that Summerfest 2015 is scheduled for the 3rd weekend in June and will be a one day event this year. U.S. Staffing Agency will be hosting an open house Thursday, March 12th at 4:00 p.m. at their new location of 588 Olds Street.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Submitted by

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk