

Village of Pellston

DDA Minutes October 5, 2021

7:02 call to order

Jim Gillette, Diane Kowalski-Smith, Lawrence Smith, Dennis Morse, C. Mallory, Will Gillette

Agenda

Jim + Diane approve agenda

Change minutes from C. Mallory

Jim + Dennis approve minutes

Treasury report... missing

Normal operations. Funds going up... Approximately \$102,000+

Will provide Treasurer report in November.

Old Business

Trailhead

Ed White is low bidder.

Lisa is out on leave.

DDA has in \$20,000 applied. May need additional match.

American Recovery Plan request has been submitted. About \$88,000.

PFAS

Drilling test wells in Pioneer park and in neighborhoods. Test down to 150 feet.

Federal money is being floated that may be available

Village is meeting with bond writer for water supply. How to fund maintenance?

Some people have good water will not want municipal water.

Big Wheel

Last Friday was supposed to be received in Pellston

Tried to get on expressway, but too much traffic.

Rolled trailer (!). Driver OK.

Crash destroyed Big Wheel.

Builder will re-think Big Wheel. May rebuild.

Village will continue building shelter.

Museum

Open Tues-Thurs-Sat noon-5:00

(Note: now closed in November)

Mural

Need to send a thank you letter.

Web Site

Businesses can send content for the web site.

Need to invite businesses to contribute to site.

Radar Sign

Two signs up and running

Will keep records of speeders.

Waiting for US-31 MDOT approval in Spring

Library Community Garden

New adjacent property to be purchased... \$10,000 grant

Another \$10,000 for garden

School

Randy Bricker has prepared building for Small Engine repair

County requires oil separation. Different heat system. Needs \$70,000.

Small engine class at Bricker building is cancelled.

New building is being built near the school. Will be available in 2022.

Friendship Center

Will use the Friendship Center for culinary classes

Added 53 new students this year.

Can school provide liaison to DDA?^[1]_[SEP]

Charter Wifi (Village)

- Town needs broadband from Charter through entire village.

- Discussions continue with John Damoose.^[1]_[SEP]

Renew DDA Plan

- DDA Recruitment

- TIF Plan from 2003, due to expire in 2023

- Look into Networks Northwest or NLEA to assist and start project.^[1]_[SEP]

New Business

Ice Rink

DDA needs to plan Skate party

Local Businesses

Hair dresser coming to town near old DNR building

Thank you Dennis Morse Spare Room Antiques for the old implements exhibits

Thank you Diane Kowalski-Smith Antiques Art & Collectibles for Fall decorations and flowers

Dam Site Inn closed for the season.

Businesses need Staff

Craft show in park cancelled due to lack of vendors. Will come back.

DDA should send postcard in the Spring to inform residents of bikes, museum and events. Also invite businesses to add information to web site.

Motion to Adjourn: Jim + Diane

Approved: Unanimous. 8:00pm