

Legacy Grant Committee Minutes

January 12, 2016

Call to Order – The January 12, 2016 Legacy Grant Committee was called to order by Co-Chairman Andy Schreder at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Committee members present are Elaine Philippi, Andy Schreder, and Dale Hurni. Committee members Kim Good and Judy Thorson were absent. Liaison Brad Schumacher is also present.

Changes / Additions to Agenda – After moving to postpone agenda item “Investigate Population Growth Rate Statistics” and add “Loft at Fire Department” it was unanimous to approve agenda as presented.

Approve/Disapprove Minutes of December 17, 2015 – Schumacher / Philippi unanimous to approve the Legacy Grant Committee minutes of December 17, 2015.

Approve Population Growth Rate Statistics – Report postponed.

Brainstorming Ideas / Committee Members Thoughts

- A representative from the Initiative Foundation was contacted to inquire if it was worth pursuing ideas, and if the grant monies would be open to financing a wastewater treatment center. Schumacher said it would be wise to get plans for that scale of a size of project with real-time figures in order to find out how much of the materials would be reimbursable.
- A response from the Sherburne County Assessor, Greg Olson, replied to an email stating that ‘The median residential tax increase is estimated to be \$35; the median commercial tax increase is estimated to be \$78’ on a \$285,000 obligation with a payment of \$45,000 per year in answer to what the property tax effect per household would be.
- It was again stressed the goals of the committee is to determine figures in order to present at the annual meeting details, restrictions, benefits and possible projects.
- Possible projects could be a new town hall/community center, a business park, wastewater treatment
- A careful look at a project is necessary since the legacy money can only be used one time.
- Schumacher posed another idea. The septic failed for 42 – 46 homes in Frontier Trails. The township agreed to build and finance the septic with the intention that the money

will be paid by the residents. Schumacher will pen an email to Dave Lucas in order to determine if this would be a viable project for the legacy money.

- Hurni asked about township owned property

Brad Schumacher will

- Contact Dave Lucas
- Obtain a set of plans for the septic system at Frontier Trails
- Obtain a material list for septic system
- Obtain a dollar amount on taxable value based on the amount that our taxes would go up if bonded

Andy Schreder

- Determined someone more familiar with grant writing google grant opportunities. Most grants are very specific. Once the township identifies a project, perhaps it would be wise to solicit someone more knowledgeable with grant writing.

Loft at Fire Department – Philippi thought the loft at the fire department could be used for community meeting. After discussion it was determined it would be cost prohibitive to make the loft at the fire department handicapped accessible / major remodeling.

Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Adjourn – The meeting unanimous to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk