

Legacy Grant Committee Minutes

December 1, 2015

Call to Order – The December 1, 2015 Legacy Grant Committee was called to order by Co-chairman Andy Schreder at 7:01 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Committee members Dale Hurni, Elaine Philippi, Andy Schreder and Judy Thorson. Committee member Kim Good is absent. Liaison Brad Schumacher is present as well as Sherburne County Solid Waste Administrator David Lucas, Baldwin Supervisor Jay Swanson and Roxanne Schreder.

Changes / Additions to Agenda – None.

Meet David Lucas, Sherburne County Solid Waste Administrator – Background: “As a continuation of a long standing policy to support actions which reduce our county’s dependence on indiscriminate landfilling, the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners adopted the Landfill Abatement Legacy Grant Program. This program is structured to: encourage the use of “qualifying materials’ in the construction, and / or remodeling of municipal buildings; maximize the reuse of building materials and / or existing structure; and, divert construction and demolition waste from disposal in landfills.”

Baldwin Township has available up to \$609,000 set aside by Sherburne County for utilization of a construction project using materials that meet the criteria of the grant. There is no ‘sunset date’ according to Lucas, but he did stress that it is a one-time opportunity. After the committee determines a project to pursue, Lucas suggested contacting an architect who is familiar with the materials needed in order to get an idea of what materials can be reimbursed as well as the percentage of the cost of those materials. It will then be important to become as informed as possible with the selected project to determine if it’s a feasible concept for the township and its residents. A question to keep in mind is ‘Are we looking for a project because the dollars are there’ or ‘Are we looking at a project because there is a need’.

Committee Member Thoughts – One of the goals of the committee is to determine for a presentation at the annual meeting details, restrictions, benefits and possible projects.

- Schumacher will reach out to the other jurisdictions who have utilized their grant monies for information on materials used in their construction as well as names of contractors and architects.

- Swanson suggested starting with the Baldwin Comprehensive Plan to determine if any of the goals set forth in the plan are possible projects.
- Thorson will make copies of past surveys in order to list possible projects that the residents have indicated by importance.
- Schreder will look into other grant opportunities that may have the potential to offset costs not covered by the Legacy Grant Abatement.

Other – The Legacy Grant Committee minutes will be put on the website after approval.

Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Town Hall.

Adjourn – A motion was made by Elaine Philippi; seconded by Brad Schumacher to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Goetz Dobson
Baldwin Township Deputy Clerk