

**PAW PAW DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2006
5:30 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34

In attendance: John Schincariol, Roman Plaszczak, Brad Noeldner, Dave Dinehart, Mary Lou Hartwell, Don Rook, Steve Racette, Jan Hoehn, Ellyn Jones, Pat Lynch, Mary Springer.

Mary Lou motioned to approve the minutes supported by Don Rook. Motion carried.

Old Business

There were no new Façade applications this month.

New Business

Jan reported that the Christmas Parade was coming along on schedule. The committee could use a printer for the Santa pictures. Mia Porter can get one for around \$99.00 unless someone can donate one for use the day of the parade and it is compatible with Mia's Camera. Brad Noeldner offered to donate his printer for the day. OnTrak Communications has offered to donate all of the ink and photo paper. About \$500 in donations has come in so far, (that is more than last year).

Brad brought up Sherrie Thompson's expense for the "Old Fashion Christmas" and suggested that the DDA may want to help pay for some of the cost since it can only benefit the businesses in town. Mary Lou agreed that the "Old Fashion Christmas" was a great idea and she thinks it is great that Sherrie took this on and she should not be stuck paying a lot of out of pocket cost. Mary made a motion to authorize up to \$150 to help Sherry out and then if she needs more she can turn in her receipts and the DDA can consider adding to the \$150 if necessary. Roman supported and the motion carried.

Brad made a request to purchase a Gazebo from Meyer Wood Products for the County Park. The cost would be \$2900 and the Village would retain ownership and responsibility for insurance. This price is 1/3 off the regular price and the

money could be taken from the capital improvement fund. As of October 6 2006 the DDA has \$486,000.00 in reserve. Pat asked if the Gazebo could be in place by December 1st for the tree lighting ceremony and Brad thought that it probably could.

Roman made a motion to purchase the Gazebo and Don Rook supported.

Motion carried.

Roman brought up the Seminar in Lansing on December 7th. The topic is Tourism/ Grants/ Cultural and Economic growth. Roman would like to send Mary Springer. Steve motioned, Mary Lou supported and the motion carried.

Roman also brought up that Jim Cook would like to bring the Drum and Bugle Corp. back. He would like 3 communities to host and to donate \$1500 each to offset expense. Roman was asking the DDA to support with \$500 and then see if the Rotary and another organization could come up with \$500 each.

Roman made a motion to support with \$500 from the DDA. Pat Lynch supported and the motion carried.

Roman told the board that Mary had brought it to his attention that the Greater Guide had sent a letter (copies passed around) explaining that they had restructured their business and therefore had not put out an October or November edition of the Greater Guide. They now have sufficient backing and are asking us to continue to support them. They would like to do an article on Paw Paw drawing attention to any aspect that we choose. The wording is not clear but it is assumed that they are extending the DDA's subscription time two months for the two months that they did not produce a magazine.

Mary will call for clarification on the extension.

Jan Hoehn asked if the DDA wanted to do a page for the local business merchants again this year for the holidays. Mary Lou made a motion supported by Dave. Motion carried.

Mary Lou made a motion that there not be a DDA meeting scheduled for December and Pat Lynch supported. Motion carried. There will be no DDA meeting in December. John Schincariol will authorize standard monthly expenses for the month of December.

Mary presented the bills. Steve Racette made a motion to accept and pay the bills. Mary Lou supported and the motion carried.

John made a motion to adjourn and Mary Lou supported. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35.