

# FENNVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

October 28, 2009 Minutes

**Call to Order/Roll Call** - The special meeting of the Fennville DDA to review and discuss the streetscape project was held at Fennville City Hall on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al LaShell at 6:03 p.m.

Members Present: Amy, Cook, Al LaShell, Tony Morgan (6:51 p.m.), Mark Schrock, Steve Valkema, and Jodi Welscott

Members Absent: Dan Rastall, Claude Rummer

Others Present: Rick Stout, Fleis & VandenBrink

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Schrock reported that several DDA members had met earlier in the month with Rick Stout and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). There is grant funding available through the American Recovery Act, and Fennville is eligible as a low-to-moderate income community.

Stout stated the DDA has been very active and already has many of the building blocks in place that the MEDC likes to see in grant applications such as a strategic plan, marketing study, etc. Stout gave a PowerPoint presentation on the scope of the streetscape project. The project area is the Main Street section between South and Park Streets, as well as sections of Maple Street both north and south of Main Street. The streetscape will include new lighting, trees, plantings, traffic calming effects, sidewalks, etc.

The grant requires a 10% match from the applicant. The DDA cannot be the applicant, but the City can apply on behalf of the DDA. Fleis & VandenBrink has submitted a proposal for the grant writer for the project.

Motion: To forward a request to the City of Fennville to approve the streetscape project and apply on behalf of the DDA for grant funding.

Made by: A. Cook                      Supported by: T. Morgan

Results: Motion carried.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. with the next regular meeting to be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

(Minutes submitted by Lisa A. Sheaffer)