

## **R.O.Y. April 12, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 8:03AM with Kari Degnan, presiding. 17 in attendance.

Kari stated that the purpose of this meeting was for streetscape work plans and hears committee reports.

Kari welcomed everyone this morning.

The secretary's report was received ahead of time via email. Ken Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes and Joanne Oviatt seconded it.

The treasure's report was also received via email. Nancy Holmberg made a motion to accept the report and Helga Laibacher seconded it.

At this time Kari turned the floor over to Suzanne Gagliardo who gave us an update on the Route 6 Heritage Community meeting which was held March 29<sup>th</sup>. She presented a work plan for the development of an artist relocation program for Youngsville. Artists are on the move and cities and towns are reinventing themselves as communities for working artists. Affordable housing, gallery opportunities and other incentives make these locations attractive. Towns with faltering economies and empty houses are finding new energy when they create artist relocation programs. Artists win because they have a home with pride of ownership. The community benefits when derelict homes are purchased and fixed up and they also reap the financial rewards as artists set up galleries in previously empty storefronts and transform the downtown to a thriving, exciting place to visit. Oil City and Johnstown have done relocations and things are going well for them. Suzanne told us that Youngsville really need to look to see how we can grow and that we need to work with the County. We also need to list are assets and see what draws artist here.

### **PROMOTION COMMITTEE:**

Anita Cohan handed out a report and they had met and discussed the following topics at a prior meeting. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Flag/banners for Corn fest, and the Geo Woodstock Event. The Business Directory is at the printers and will be ready for distribution soon. Tickets for the Mother's/Father's Day Baskets are being sold at different locations. Also Probation is sending us 'community service' people to sweep and weed the sidewalks and wash storefront windows. They can work on the flower beds too. We just have to have supplies for them. First cleanup is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with two times. We need to get a supply of brooms, rakes, garbage bags, etc.

Barb Luce announced that the Children's Theater Program will be changed due to Girl Scout camp being held at the same time. New dates are July 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ASSET ENHANCEMENT:**

Sonia Probst gave an update on the Geo Caching Woodstock which will be held July 2 at the fairgrounds. People will be arriving June 29<sup>th</sup> and leaving by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Geo Caching trails will not be advertised on the website so we need to come up with a way to advertise them. The Geocoin event will be held the evening of July 2 at the fire hall and Sonia will confirm this by the end of the week.

A Thank You letter was sent from the Youngsville Swimming Pool Committee for the donation of a basket which circulated so everyone could read it.

### **DESIGN COMMITTEE:**

Joanne Oviatt reported that there was a Route 6 Heritage Community meeting held March 29<sup>th</sup> and they talked about an overview on where to start.

Ken Quinn and Nancy Holmberg met with Congressman Mike Kelly on March 28<sup>th</sup>. He was receptive but with grant money being short he's not sure where things will go. Kelly also

mentioned that he will be looking for an office space here in Youngsville and possibly the old Northwest Bank would work.

Ken Quinn talked about the DASH Emergent Group. DASH stands for Disability Advocacy Support Hub. It is a project of the Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania. DASH provides all types of technical and financial assistance. Ken made a motion that he would like to apply for a grant from them and Joanne seconded it.

At this time Nancy Holmberg talked about the 2011 changes to the DCED requirements. Main Street Program has had a name change. It is now Keystone Community. DCED has three factors that will determine who receives funding. 1<sup>st</sup> is Partnerships 2<sup>nd</sup> is Performance and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Competition. Our Warren County Regional Main Street Program is already under contract so it will be honored.

#### **ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE:**

Helga Laibacher announced that the Easter Bunny will be coming to the Allegheny Artistry on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 6pm and Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. Treats will be handed out to the children. May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> the sidewalk sale will take place anyone who would like to donate can drop items off at the Artistry. Proceeds will go towards the Revitalization of Youngsville. The Edgewood Motel dining room is closed and there is a possible chance that it will go up for sale.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Steve Sowa will not be chairing the golf tournament this year. He will be glad to help out and golf but will not chair it.

Mayor Farr talked to the group and felt that the borough does not know what's going on and thought maybe doing a report for them. Ken Quinn made a motion to submit a report for the last three months to the borough. Murry seconded it and Anita will compile a report for them.

In order to get streetscape going Penelec needs a \$5000.00 deposit. Joanne Oviatt made a motion to pay the deposit when an invoice comes in and Barb Luce seconded it.

Anita Cohan brought it to are attention that a budget for any activity needs to be presented at the meetings for approval and recorded in the minutes. No bills will be paid until presented and approved.

Next ROY meeting will be Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8:00AM at the Library.

Kari thanked everyone for coming. Anita Cohan made a motion for adjournment and Sonia Probst seconded it at 9:30AM.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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