

Bass Street Landing SSA #5 Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2021

3:00 PM

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 983 3315 3854

Passcode: 340657

Dial in: (312) 262 6799 – 340657#

Special Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

John Miller – KONE
Kevin Belk – Stoney Creek
Mike Wennekamp – Two Rivers YMCA
Diana HaubenStricker – Ruhl Commerical

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Geoff Manis – City of Moline
Tara Osborne – City of Moline

Guests

None

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Public Comment

None

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Approval of Minutes

Belk made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020, meeting minutes. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Budget Review

Manis presented the year to date budget and explained the numbers presented are reconciled through October. Osborne provided an estimated year end on revenues and expenses to the Board. Manis also shared the joint SSA #5 and SSA #6 video marketing downtown Moline during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This was boosted on social media and will be boosted again come Spring. Discussion was had.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – Landscape RFP Review

Manis stated a community member expressed concern that Moline tax dollars should not be used to pay for the downtown flowers in 2021. Instead, he felt, the money should go to downtown small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The SSA #6 Board discussed and felt that once the money was divvied up to all the businesses, there would not be much to go around. Also, Bass Street Landing has many public and private events and is chosen for its aesthetic beauty. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with the downtown flowers for 2021.

Manis stated, with the combined SSA #5 and #6 bids combined, Meyer Landscape came in at \$11,281 and Turner Landscape came in at \$21,303. Unlike other years, this landscaping RFP is for three years instead of one. The RFP was sent to nine landscapers in the Quad Cities but only two bids were received as opposed to four last year. SSA #5 met on Monday and awarded the bid to Meyer Landscape. Manis stated Meyer Landscape has had the bid for the last three years and they have done a very adequate job. This would be Turner Landscape's first government agreement on flowers as they generally do residential contracts. The hanging planters on River Drive were also included in the bid and Quality Construction will continue to maintain all the downtown flowers throughout the year.

Manis stated he can work with the City's Corporation Counsel to create an opt out clause that if the work is not being performed and not corrected, we can opt out of the contract. If there is any objection by the contractor, he will let the Board know. Discussion was had.

Miller made a motion to approve Meyers Landscape proposal from 2021-2024 for Bass Street Landing flowers pending SSA #6 does the same thing and the opt out clause is written into the contract. Belk seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

Manis followed up on previous discussions of putting a vinyl fence around the pump station for the Mississippi water table levels. This pump helps keep the investments in SSA #5 dry by drawing down the water table. The vinyl fencing would complement the vinyl fencing around the outdoor pool at Stoney Creek. Manis reached out to vinyl fence companies to get proposals and only two companies returned his call. Lovewell Fencing has the capabilities to manufacture fencing, has CAD capabilities to create a perfect fit and they did the neighboring fence. The bid came in at \$3,800 with prevailing wages.

Belk reported the tree on City property near the Stoney Creek pool that creates a mess for the outdoor pool. They would like the tree removed if possible. The weeded area was also discussed. Discussion was had.

Wennekamp made a motion to approve the bid from LoveWell Fencing, remove the tree by Stoney Creek, replace the tree if needed and pursue keeping that area cleared up. HaubenStricker seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – Nomination of Officers

Belk made a motion to keep officers the same. HaubenStricker seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

Mike Wennekamp – Chairmen/President
John Miller – Vice Chair
Kevin Belk – Treasurer
Diana HaubenStricker – Secretary

AGENDA ITEM #6 – Director’s Report

Manis reported he will be leaning on the Main Street Commission to decide when the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series will take place. The Series normally takes place from Memorial Day to Labor Day but with the COVID-19 Pandemic, could potentially be delayed until vaccines are more accessible. Discussion was had.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – Other Business

None

AGENDA ITEM #8 – Adjournment

Miller made a motion to adjourn. Belk seconded the motion. Motion carried and was approved by all members.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Fawn Schultz, Community & Economic Development Administrative Assistant