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DDA MEETING MINUTES Of April 16, 2026

Members Present: Director Hernandez, Bacheller, Beiser, Huegli, Vice Chairman Pringle, Moore, Campbell.
Supervisor Lewandowski, Sec./Treasurer Shonka.

Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Vice-Chairman Pringle.

Election of Chairman- motion by, Lewandowski, support by, Huegli, for Pat Pringle to be Chairman. Motion passed

Election of Vice Chairman- motion by, Lewandowski, support by, Huegli, for Mike Bacheller to be Vice Chair. Motion passed.

Motion by, Lewandowski, second by, Bacheller, to approve the minutes of the January 15 meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by Huegli, second by Beiser, to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Public comment:

Carol Miller – Meeting minutes posted in a more timely manner.

Unfinished Business -

New Business-

- A. DDA Sign at 24th st/Griswold. St Clair Landscaping Mike McCartney met with DDA and Twp staff at the location. Is to add a 6'x 8' x 18" timber box with soil, mulch, and perennial plants. In the approximate cost of \$2000.00. Robert Lewandowski contacted the property owner and was in favor of upgrading the sign area.
- B. Congresswoman Lisa McClain- Port Huron Twp is tentatively to receive \$3.2 Million for water mains and possible lead lines at the southern end of the township west of 24th, north of the train tracks, east of 27th, and Howard st to the north. Have attempted for the past three years. The funds is contingent to approval of the federal budget.
- C. Liuna Local Joel Archibald/Easter Eggstravaganza.- Liuna donated \$1000 to sponsor the Easter event.
- D. 40th St Pond Fishing Clinic- DLZ has committed to donating \$750 the fishing clinic this year on June 13th.
- E. Community Foundation – Carol Miller submitted an application to the Michigan Arts and Culture. Community Foundation tabled our request to fund the Thresher Pavilion. Bob and Randy met with the Community Foundation and will notify the supervisor by end of day 4/16. We should know by Memorial Day about \$25,000 in matching funds for endowment funds. Meeting is to be set up in May.
- F. Fathers Day Weekend Concerts – Met with Cliff Erickson today to perform a concert in Bakers Field on Saturday, June 20th. The portable stage has been secured for the event. Looking for another band to play on June 19th.
- G. Farmer's Market- Most Markets run May – October. Met with Melissa Goodwin at 3:30. Melissa thought a Thursday market at Community Action Agency or the adjacent property next to the twp. Has experience in other Farmers Market in the area. Looking for a June 11 start.
- H. Black River Country Club-New owners. Now open and had players on the course. Met with local leaders and explained their plans for the property. Owners have experience in the golf course business. Other plans for existing houses on the property are under review.

Unfinished Business-

- A. BWATC Shelter – Contacted Dave McElroy and asked about the feasibility of placing one at Blue Water Action Agency.
- B. DTE Street Lighting – Met with DTE Officials. Looking for various things to improve the street lighting. Ongoing work to pursue the lights.
- C. 7 Brew – looks like 7 Brew is going to go through with plans to build a 7 brew on 24th st.

D. Sidewalks – Finishing up the miscellaneous items to the project.

Action Items –

1. Recommendation to Approve St Clair Landscaping bid for 2127.33 for a timber flower box to the DDA Sign on 24th and Griswold St. to be completed by June 21st Motion by Huegli, supported by Campbell, Motion Passed.
2. 200th Anniversary Event. Contacted Cedar Hill Graphics for banners in the amount of \$9250.00. Considered by MML to be a legitimate expenditure. Motion by Huegli, supported by Shonka to approve cost estimate to option #3 by Cedar Hill Graphics to not exceed \$12,000 for banners and possible additional hardware. Motion Passed.
3. Golf Outing – Chamber of Commerce Director Baldwin is pushing to have the outing hosted at Black River Country Club or the Elks Club in coordination with our 200th anniversary events.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2026.

Motion by, Beiser, Second By, Bacheller, to adjourn. **Motion Passed.**

Adjourned @12:17 pm.