



Grant Township – Copper Harbor DDA
DDA Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024, 6:00pm
Grant Township Community Center
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918
Phone: (906) 289-4292

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Secretary Misty Filsinger Roll Call

Present - Scott Ochodnicky, Ed Tulppo, Don Kauppi, Greg Mielcarz, Art Davis, Sam Raymond, and Kirk Filsinger

Absent – Dan Wiersgalla

Zoom – Mike Musiel, Staci Gibson joined @ 6:17pm

Motion to Approve January 23, 2024, Meeting Agenda put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art Davis, all in favor, Motion carries 7-0-0

Motion to Approve October 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes put forward by Art D, seconded by Scott O, all in favor, Motion carries 7-0-0

Motion to Approve November 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes put forward by Scott O, seconded by Don K. Motion carries 6-0-1 abstain.

Motion to Approve December 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes put forward by Scott O, seconded by Don K. Motion carries 6-0-1 abstain.

Treasurer's Report – Misty Filsinger provides detailed report.

- DDA balance is: \$84,324.43.

Old Business

- A Thank you card was presented and read aloud from the Ihde's, for the support from the DDA for sound equipment purchase for Performances in the Park.

New Business

- **Motion to Approve up to \$1000.00 for straw bales for CopperDog 150** forward by Art D, Greg M seconded. **Role Call Vote**-Ed T aye, Don K aye, Greg M aye, Scott O aye, Art D aye, Sam R. aye Kirk F aye- motion carries 7-0-0

- **Motion to approve changing DDA meetings from the 4th Tuesday of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, pending Grant Township Board approval** put forward by Scott O. seconded by Ed T. Motion carries 6-0-1 Art D abstain.
- **Motion to approve letter of support to MSHDA Grant Application** put forward by Scott O, seconded by Kirk F. all in favor, motion carries 7-0-0
- **Motion to amend the 2023-24 FY DDA budget, line-item VC Attendant, an increase in the amount of \$2022.00** put forward by Scott O, seconded by Art D. **Role Call Vote** Scott O aye, Ed T. aye, Don K. aye, Greg M. aye, Art D. aye, Sam R. aye, Kirk F. aye. Motion carries 7-0-0
- **Motion to approve the next Outreach meeting for February 27, 2024,** put forward by Scott O. seconded by Kirk F. all in favor, motion carries 7-0-0
- Sam Raymond shared information on MSU's (FIT) First Impressions Tourism Assessment Program.
- **Motion to approve Sam Raymond to complete and apply for MSU's First Impressions Tourism Program on behalf of the DDA. If we are granted this program DDA will be responsible for \$2750.00 match monies** put forward by Greg M, seconded by Don K. **Role Call Vote** Scott O aye, Ed T. aye, Don K. aye, Greg M. aye, Art D. aye, Sam R. aye, Kirk F. aye. Motion carries 7-0-0
- Destination Development Program was discussed. The board will revisit this next month after Sam R. gets more information.
- Supervisor Scott Ochodnicky will have our township attorney review the DDA boundary and tax base development area.
- February 27, 2024, will be the DDA's annual budget meeting. Scott O will prepare FY 2023/24 budget versus actual for review, and FY2024/25 budget for discussion, including long term Capital Improvement Plan for larger projects.

Public Comment Period - 7:22pm No Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Ed T. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

*Vote tallies recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain
(Absent excluded from tally)*