



**Grant Township – Copper Harbor DDA**  
DDA Meeting Minutes  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Grant Township Community Center  
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918  
Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Meeting called to order at 6:06pm**

**Roll Call**

**Present** - Ed Tulppo, Don Kauppi, Greg Mielcarz, Scott Ochodnicky, Dan Wiersgalla, Mike Musiel, Staci Gibson, Sam Raymond and Scott Wendt as Township Supervisor (would be tie-break vote)

**Absent** - Alex Protzel, Art Davis, Kirk Filsinger, Greg Lis

**Zoom** - None

**Two New DDA Board Members Sworn in: Staci Gibson and Sam Raymond**

**Motion to Approve April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda**

- Don Kauppi adds two items to Agenda: Car Show & Affordable Housing
- **Motion to Approve April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda** – put forward by Scott W, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0

**Motion to Approve March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

- One correction - Staci G and Sam R can't be absent as they had not yet been sworn in
- **Motion to Approve March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Meeting Minutes as Amended** – put forward by Mike M, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0

**Treasurer's Report** – Read by Scott O on behalf of Treasurer Misty F

**DDA balance is \$166,269.81**

This past month we have received from the taxpayers DDA capture

\$12,324.42

\$24,629.61

\$42,417.49

We have received \$12,062.79 from delinquent tax collections

### Old Business

- DDA Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was approved by GT Board at GT Annual Budget meeting held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Brief Discussion of DDA reading materials

### New Business

- Discussion regarding joining the Michigan Downtown Association and a goal of increasing the tax base with future DDA projects

**Motion to approve \$150 cost to join MDA, Roll Call** – put forward by Scott O, Dan W aye, Mike M aye, Greg M aye, Sam R aye, Staci G aye, Ed T aye, Don K aye, Scott O aye, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0 – Alex P, Art D, Kirk F, Greg L are absent

- Discussed creation of a DDA Mission Statement
- Discussed next steps to obtain updated platt maps for capture area
- Introduced Board Attendance Policy signature sheets, retrieved signed copies from those present

**Motion to approve payment of \$2500 Invoice from Copper Harbor Nature Society** - put forward by Greg M, seconded by Ed T, **Roll Call** – Dan W aye, Mike M aye, Greg M aye, Sam R aye, Staci G aye, Ed T aye, Don K aye, Scott O aye, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0 – Alex P, Art D, Kirk F, Greg L are absent

**Motion to approve payment of up to \$12,000 to Copper Harbor Improvement Association (CHIA) for Welcome Center improvements** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Don K, **Roll Call** – Dan W aye, Mike M aye, Greg M aye, Sam R aye, Staci G aye, Ed T aye, Don K aye, Scott O aye, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0 – Alex P, Art D, Kirk F, Greg L are absent

- Discussion of selecting a Secretary – Misty F had previously volunteered, will be researching rules and compensation requirements
- Discussed establishing not less than two public DDA meetings per year, dates to be announced
- Don K discusses upcoming July 16<sup>th</sup> car show and the need for pit toilets

**Motion to approve payment of up to \$500 for pit toilets for car show** - put forward by Scott O, seconded by Greg M, **Roll Call** – Dan W aye, Mike M aye, Greg M aye, Sam R aye, Staci G aye, Ed T aye, Don K aye, Scott O aye, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0 – Alex P, Art D, Kirk F, Greg L are absent

- Don K discusses Affordable Housing solutions

**Public Comment Period**

Mike Borlee discusses marketing efforts ideas with the DDA Board

**Motion to adjourn** – put forward by Ed T, seconded by Don K, all in favor, Motion carries 8-4-0

**Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm**

*Motions recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain (Absent is a no vote)*

UNAPPROVED