



Grant Township – Copper Harbor DDA

DDA Meeting Minutes

June 28th, 2022, 6:00 pm

Grant Township Community Center

220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918

Phone: (906) 289-4292

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

Roll Call

Present - Ed Tulppo, Don Kauppi, Greg Mielcarz, Scott Ochodnicki, Dan Wiersgalla, Mike Musiel, Sam Raymond, Alex Protzel, Kirk Filsinger and Staci Gibson

Absent - Art Davis

Zoom - Greg Lis

Special Note: Grant Township Supervisor has resigned (would be tie-break vote)

Motion to Approve June 28th, 2022 Agenda

- Motion put forward by Kirk F, seconded by Greg M, all in favor, Motion carries 10-0-0

Motion to Approve May 24th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Sam R, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 10-0-0

Treasurer's Report – provided by Treasurer Misty Filsinger

- **DDA balance is \$111,182.40**

Old Business

- Car show update: Pit toilets have been ordered, all is ready for the event
- Fireworks show update: Permit has already been submitted, all is ready for the event
- Webinar update: 6 webinar series has been ordered and will be available soon
 - DDA is now a Member of the Michigan Downtown Association (MDA)
<https://www.michigandowntowns.com/>

New Business

- Elections 2022 update – provided by Scott Ochodnicki –
 - Deadline to file paperwork for November 8th ballot access is Thursday July 21st 2022, more info here:
 - Supervisor position: <https://granttownshipmi.org/news-view.php?target=22>
 - Clerk position: <https://granttownshipmi.org/news-view.php?target=23>
 - Additional information to follow as it becomes available

- Brief discussion regarding Scott Wendt resignation amongst the DDA Board
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Committee concepts – lengthy discussion regarding the following questions and points:
 - Is this something the community wants?
 - Should the DDA have a role in funding it?
 - Discussion amongst DDA Board Members regarding the scope of the project as well as willingness to have the DDA have some role in financing a portion of the project;
 - Alex Protzel favors a survey as a first step, and a 66' wide road with lines painted properly
 - Staci Gibson mentions breaking down the project into stages
 - Kirk Filsinger mentions traffic speed review of the main road
 - Guest Speaker: Jeff Ratcliffe from Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance discusses various ways of slowing traffic as well as discussing financing options and costs considerations with DDA Board
 - Sam Raymond mentions trail connectivity and development of the M26/US41 SW Corner area
 - Jeff Ratcliffe discusses Michigan Public Act 51 of 1951; will setup a Google Drive for community discussion, Scott Ochodnicki to setup a webpage on Township website
 - Jan (public comment) wants more public awareness and to see the project slowed down
 - Sam Raymond mentions 2010 DDA Amendment and that it specifically calls for 'streetscape' improvements as a top priority for the DDA
 - Lengthy discussion of reducing traffic congestion in the project area
- Guest Speaker: Sue Pokorski presented crosswalk stenciling idea
 - Sue Pokorski presentation and Q&A session
 - Permit has already been secured
 - **Motion to Approve up to \$500 in funding for crosswalk stenciling trial project** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Staci B, **Roll Call Vote** – Sam R aye, Kirk F aye, Mike M aye, Don K aye, Greg M aye, Dan W aye, Alex P aye, Staci G aye, Ed T aye, Scott O aye, and Greg L and Art D are absent - Motion carries 10-0-0

Public Comment Period - None

Motion to Adjourn - put forward by Ed T, seconded by Scott O, all in favor, Motion carries 10-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

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