



Grant Township – Copper Harbor DDA
DDA Meeting Minutes
September 27th, 2022, 6:00 pm
Grant Township Community Center
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918
Phone: (906) 289-4292

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

Roll Call (At Meeting Open)

Present - Scott Ochodnicky, Mike Musiel, Sam Raymond, Alex Protzel, Kirk Filsinger, Ed Tulppo, Greg Lis, and Dan Wiersgalla

Absent - Art Davis, Staci Gibson, Don Kauppi, and Greg Mielcarz

Zoom - None

Motion to Approve September 27th, 2022 Agenda

- Motion put forward by Sam R, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 8-0-0

Motion to Approve August 23rd, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Sam R requests amendment to August Minutes without objections; Motion put forward by Dan W to approve Minutes as amended, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 8-0-0

Treasurer's Report – provided by Misty Filsinger

DDA balance is: \$104,462.09

Don Kauppi arrives at 6:20pm – 9 Board Members Now Present

Grant Township Elections 2022 update: - provided by Scott Ochodnicky

- Election Commission held kickoff meeting Sept 15th and Election Officials will be appointed at next meeting next week
- Election Commission is seeking Alternate Election Inspectors – Contact Scott Ochodnicky for additional information scott.ochodnicky@granttownshipmi.org

Old Business

- Supervisor's role within the Copper Harbor DDA – brief discussion of this amongst the DDA Board Members including the following points:
 - MTA stated that Township Supervisor can also be CH DDA Chair
 - To be cross-referenced with our founding DDA documents
 - State of Michigan Public Act 57 of 2018 (Governing DDA's): <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-57-of-2018>
 - Scott Ochodnicki is more than happy to remain DDA Chair
- Webinars from Michigan Downtown Association (MDA) can be accessed now
 - Minimum Goal: One training video to be discussed at each meeting
 - Scott Ochodnicki to help with any questions regarding how to access/view
- Affordable Housing Solutions – Kickoff meeting was held Thursday August 25th with Kelly Ryan – 2 Township Board Members and 4 DDA Board Members attended – Misty F, Kirk F, Scott O, Sam R, Don K, Alex P
 - MSHDA forming a Commission to address Affordable Housing state-wide
- Sound equipment for community use has been ordered
 - Brief discussion about making this available as an additional option at a cost for guests that rent the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

Greg Mielcarz arrives at 6:42pm – 10 Board Members Now Present

New Business

- Public invite outreach DDA meeting will be October 25th - Public Notices to follow via social media, Township website, Welcome Center message board
- Lights in the Park event funding discussion
- Need to fund new projects, wide open discussion to share potential new ideas included:
 - Pros/cons of Starlink, or having both PastyNet and Starlink ISP discussion
 - Maintenance of, or having a second, bike cleaning station in town
 - Possibility of an e-bike charging station
 - Chairs/tables for events was discussed and we decided against it
 - Possibility of Copper Harbor Dog sponsorship, in addition to, the pit toilets and sandbags in place of bails of hay was discussed
 - DDA platt survey was suggested by Alex P, and he will obtain quotes from possible surveyors
 - 'Dark Sky' compliant, energy saving, street lighting to be researched, this requires detailed quotations and implementations plans
- Alex P mentions a couple of minor Township maintenance repairs that are needed, Scott O to pass along to Township maintenance staff
- Greg L mentions 6th Street Dock lights are not all lit, Scott O to pass along to maintenance staff for review
- Scott O proposes a Letter of Support be signed by DDA Board Members and provided to MSHDA and potentially others in support of Affordable Housing Solutions

Public Comment Period – None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

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

APPROVED