

**RECORD OF
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE
13th DAY OF JUNE 2024
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Swander 8:00 AM

II. Roll Call

Members Present: LaFontaine, Swander, Podjaske, Millikin, Wheeler, Huber, Pettyjohn

Members Absent: Thompson

Also in attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Brett MacGrahamn

III. Public Comment

Brett MacGrahamn introduced himself.

IV. Approval of Agenda

24-013

Moved by Podjaske, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

24-014

A. DDA/GMS Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 9th, 2024

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Millikin to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer Report

A. Revenue/Expenditure report was provided and explained by Podjaske & Swander with grants that will offset the majority of it.

VII. City Manager Report

Podjaske updated the board about the prior month's activities including City Council approving the TIF Plan. The Sherriff's Department will be opting out while the library still has questions and will be coming in for a meeting. Every taxing jurisdiction has a 60-day window in which to opt out of the plan.

VIII. Unfinished Business – DDA

A. State of Properties – Downtown Project Updates

Podjaske indicated that a Tattoo shop is opening next to the Curator. A public hearing is coming up for the Planning Commission regarding the Krist Gas Station project. The Sawmill Lofts are still on track.

B. Board member “office hours” responsibility – June through July

Wheeler will be responsible for the month of June.

C. Establish next work session date

A work session was scheduled for the 24th at 5:30 pm in order to finalize details of the 4th of July Parade.

D. Painting crosswalks

A date needs to be established to paint the crosswalks.

E. Outstanding Block Party

1. Wimpy's Invoice: Christine brought check for the invoice.
2. Decorations: \$155 was spent. Money from the GPA donation for paint can offset this.

24-015

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Huber to use the excess money from the paint donation in order to help offset the cost of the decorations that were purchased.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

F. Open Board Seat

Ben Teeter will be recommended to City Council for appointment to the DDA.

G. Banners

A pricing structured needs to be finalized as well as solidifying dates for new banner and time frame. Should be brought to the work session for further discussion.

IX. New Business – DDA

A. 4th of July Parade

Pettyjohn explained that there were already at least 20 entries. It was decided to reach out to the radio station to see if they would interested in emceeing it.

X. MS Committee Report

A. Org Committee

Millikin had nothing new to report.

B. Design

Pettyjohn will be coordinating with Danny Benson in regards the crosswalk painting. Pettyjohn will weed whack, etc.

C. EV Committee

TIF is approved and will begin next summer.

D. Promotions Committee

Huber is doing marketing. The radio station will be contacted regarding the 4th of July parade.

XI. Community Meetings Update

A.) CCEDP (Crawford County Economic Development Program)

SAAB is looking for a site location to build a new plant on 4 Mile Rd.

B.) Historical Museum

They are open with no entry fee. Pettyjohn indicated that the inside looks great and they would like another tree.

C.) GPA

Millikin had no updates.

D.) Rotary

Huber indicated that the picnic is on the 26th and the bike race on July 13th.

E.) Chamber of Commerce

Millikin spoke about the coffee hour at Our Town Coffee & Treats at 9am.

F.) Camp Grayling

Pass in Review is tomorrow at Camp Grayling. Other upcoming events are the USO ribbon cutting for the new pavilion, the All-Female Honor Flight and the “Boots on the Ground” report.

XII. Public Comment

None.

XIII. Member Comments

Conversation was had by the board regarding Michigan Brew and if it was closing. The tenants can remain on the 2nd floor; however, the main level is being sold.

XIV. Correspondence

None.

XV. Adjournment

24-016

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Huber to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

LaFontaine adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM