



## MINUTES

**DDA Meeting  
Thursday, March 14, 2019  
7:30 a.m. Village Hall – EOC Room**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Heins called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

### **II. Roll Call:**

Present: Heins (Chair), Dull (Vice Chair), Callen, G. Hanks, VanLeeuwen-Vega, Willison and M. Hanks (7:33am), (Council Liaison)

Absent: Dixon, LaBelle and Moore

### **III. Approval of the Minutes (1/10/19 & 2/21/2019 Special meeting)**

Motion by **Dull**, second from **VanLeeuwen-Vega**, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 regular meeting and the February 21, 2019 Special meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 6                      No: 0

### **IV. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by **Dull**, second from **VanLeeuwen-Vega**, to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

### **V. Financial Reports**

### **VI. Business**

A. 606 E. Savidge St. - Bhupinder Dhillon & James Storey

Mr. James Storey explained that he represented Bhupinder Dhillon (Liquor America, Inc.) who was proposing a full-service party store in the Village. Mr. Storey said that, because there were no regular Liquor Licenses available in the State, Mr. Dhillon was trying to obtain an SDD Resort License but there were only 5 of this type of license given out each year throughout the State making it very competitive. Mr. Storey explained that because of the competitiveness, local support was very important, so Mr. Dhillon was looking for a resolution of support from the DDA and Village Council. **Burns** shared

that the Chamber of Commerce had already offered a letter of support to Mr. Dhillon. Mr. Storey shared details of what renovations were planned and what this store had to offer the Village in the way of jobs and products. The **Board** agreed they would offer a letter of support. The **Board** also suggested Mr. Dhillon consider a different name for his store other than Spring Lake Party Store.

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Willison**, to offer a Letter of Support for Mr. Bhupinder Dhillon for an SDD Resort License. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

- B. Brownfield Plan – **Burns** explained that this Brownfield Plan was for the structures contiguous to Village Hall owned by Kim VanKampen, and that Council had reviewed this plan and it would be on the next Council agenda. **Burns** introduced Roman Wilson, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. Mr. Wilson explained that this plan called for a tax capture at the local level to cover pre-approved eligible activities at the property including asbestos abatement and demolition. **Heins** asked **Burns** if she had any reservations on using this plan. **Burns** said she did not, that this was exactly the type of project the plan was designed to be used on and she would recommend that this be sent to Council.

Motion by **M. Hanks**, second from **Callen**, to support the use of a Brownfield Plan to redeveloped three contiguous blighted parcels located at 106, 108 and 110 W. Savidge St., Spring Lake MI. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

- C. Fire Suppression Grant – Holiday Inn

**Burns** explained that the DDA budgets for one Fire Suppression Grant per year and there had only been 2 grants given out in the last 10 years. The **Board** discussed that this would not be for the entire building, only on the portion that was being renovated.

Motion by **VanLeeuwen-Vega**, second from **M. Hanks**, to approve a Fire Suppression Grant to the Holiday Inn for their renovations. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

- D. Mill Point Repaving Estimates

**Burns** explained that the repaving estimate for Mill Point Park parking lot had more than doubled the \$120,000 budgeted with the addition of engineering fees, so she was asking if the DDA would consider reallocating these funds to help offset the cost of the LED street light replacement project in the downtown, where there would be an immediate benefit in the electric usage, coupled with the \$46,000 already budgeted would pay for the whole project and they could budget for the parking lot next fiscal year. The **Board** discussed doing the whole LED light replacement project versus rolling the money over and not doing any projects the rest of this fiscal year. **Willison** asked how much the cost of the repaving project would go up if they waited until the next fiscal year. **Burns** said that was hard to predict but when you got in on the bid cycle could make all the difference and spring was usually the better time. **Willison** asked if there would be enough money to do the repaving project in the next fiscal year. **Burns** said that it would be up to this Board to recommend what the funds were allocated for each year.

Motion by **M. Hanks**, second from **G. Hanks**, to reallocate funds from Mill Point Park repaving project to the LED Conversion Lighting project. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

#### E. Business of the Year Nominations

**Burns** explained that this was an annual nomination that goes before Council. and that she and **Stanford-Butler** had agreed that their joint recommendation was for Weis Chiropractic be nominated for Business of the Year because of there complete community support and involvement. The **Board** agreed that Weis Chiropractic was a great asset to the community and deserved to be nominated.

Motion by **Willison**, second from **Callen**, to nominate Weise Chiropractic as Business of the Year. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

#### F. Commercial Redevelopment District

**Burns** explained that they had been working on this application and had talked briefly about how to incentivize people to construct their facility so that it was innkeeping with the Village vision and how the scoring process was added as an incentive. The **Board** discussed the Commercial Redevelopment application.

Motion by **Willison**, second from **G. Hanks**, to approve the Draft Commercial Redevelopment District application. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

G. Laker Pride Banners

**Burns** shared that the Laker Pride banners had received several complements and thanked **Dull** for his design teams' efforts.

H. Miscellaneous

**Burns** shared that Bill Cousins had put together a Community Branding RFP and suggested that Dull and Stanford-Butler sit down with him to review the RFP so that it can be sent out soon.

**Burns** also shared new design plans from Barrett Boat Works.

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion by M. Hanks, second from **Willison**, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 7

No: 0

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Doug Heins, Chairman

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk