

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY
MARCH 7, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Smith, Mo Aboneaaj, Zak Hawley, Jackie Hoist, Jim Slezak, Craig Stefanko, Kurtis McMahan, Casey Clark
Matt Place
Jami Vert – Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Wright, Attorney David Lattie

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot Lautzenheiser, Megan Strauchman, Stacy Hurley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Davison Township DDA was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to adopt the March 7, 2023 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN to adopt the minutes from February 7, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD BILLS

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN to approve board bills in the amount of \$3,800.00 for D&M. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 9:02 a.m. and there were no comments. Public comment period closed 9:02 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVE ROSS AUTOMOTIVE FOR BEAUTIFICATION GRANT (\$5,000)

MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY HOIST to approve Ross Automotive for our Beautification Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Slezak – businesses did a great job; hopefully we can do this again next year.

Hawley – yes, I agree.

Aboneaaj – speaking with Johns Pizzeria they are wanting to do some updating on the outside of their building by adding new lighting to the outside; they are interested in the program.

Hawley – sounds good.

WADE TRIM – REVISED PROPOSAL

Scot Lautzenheiser – we are here to develop ideas and concepts on the interchanges of I-69/Irish Rd and I-69/M-15; will look at everything and see what resonates; it will be a spring project.

Hawley – what interchanges are we going to start with?

Scot Lautzenheiser – once we look at both you will decide; we want to do both, but not all at once.

Hawley – how soon can you get out there to look at this?

Scot Lautzenheiser – next two (2) weeks.

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Hawley – perfect.

Slezak – timeline?; sketches; drawings?

Scot Lautzenheiser – a little over a month.

Slezak – will you come back to the next meeting?

Scot Lautzenheiser – yes, absolutely; we are here to work through this with you.

Stefanko – interested in what you will come up with.

Hawley – how many ideas?; high to low end.

Scot Lautzenheiser – two (2) designs.

Hawley – do it in phases; kick off.

Stefanko – one thing I see it is so big to do an island within an island.

Smith – I think we should start with M-15.

Hawley – I was thinking I-69/Irish Rd.

McMahan – are we thinking a welcome sign?

Slezak – what will bring you back to the Township?

Scot Lautzenheiser – you can do a lot of different things.

Hoist – I lean towards M-15.

Scot Lautzenheiser – what we design you will do at both.

NEW BUSINESS

Hoist – any new businesses coming?

Place – Starbucks over by Meijer with a strip mall.

Hawley – how is the building for Hamlin Pub coming along.

Place – they are moving along.

INFORMATIONAL

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 9:18 a.m.

Megan Strauchman – founder for Ireland’s Dream; we have worked with Wade Trim for our survey on the property; we are in the process of having a convertible baseball field for children of all ages with cerebral palsy; talked about opening a therapy center with an Olympic size pool as well; in the process of looking for donors to help; we have lots of fundraisers every month to help raise money; you can look on our website for all the details.

Stefanko – been working with Megan for a while; in order to get this going they needed land; they got the land; this is a really good cause; hats off to you.

Hawley – do you have time line?

Megan – we just got another grant writer; we need the funds to start; some funding issues; not enough to get the center started just yet; hoping to break ground next year; 1 in 1000 children affected; some you don’t even know have it as it affects parts of your brain; they don’t have a strength problem, just a coordination problem.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY CLARK to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.