

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY  
AUGUST 1, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Casey Clark, Kelly Smith, Zak Hawley, Jim Slezak, Kurtis McMahan, Mo Aboneaaj, Tom Wright  
Matt Place  
Jami Vert – Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jackie Hoist, Craig Stefanko, Attorney David Lattie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jamie Gorenflo

**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 CLARK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN** to adopt the August 1, 2023 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN** to adopt the minutes from July 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BOARD BILLS**

**MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY CLARK** to approve board bills in the amount of \$1,560.00 for D&M. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 9:01 a.m. and there were no comments. Public comment period closed 9:01 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**WADE TRIM** – Jamie – have 3 concepts for monuments and 3 concepts for landscapes; characteristics; cost effective; low maintenance

Slezak – we are more focused on landscape ideas.

Hawley – we were wanting landscape, not monuments.

Jamie Gorenflo – natural materials; low maintenance; durable, make a statement; first impression; reflective of community character; landscape concept I: fern fronds; spore clusters; natural forms; canvas of mowed turf; landscape II: spoke ‘n wheel; geometric; large central cairn; various materials; canvas mowed turf; bioretention basins; simple construction; landscape III: inspired by nature; amoeboid form; central stone cairn; various materials; canvas of mowed turf; various flowers; bioretention basins; simple construction; with the monument concepts you will have to take liability, MDOT will not take liability; monument concept I: beam ‘n boulder; roughly squared field stone; natural tans, reds, rust; powder coated steel plates; monument concept II: exploration tower cortex; steel beams; same type of stone; monument concept III: stacked blocks/boulders; stacked stones; reverse beams; next step identify preferred concepts; one monument, one landscape; design development; cost estimates; develop funding plan; prioritize installation; help phase installation and construction; credit a gateway.

McMahan – need to know the cost.

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Hawley – yes, we need cost for these so we can know what we will do.  
out to the board members.

Aboneaaj – cost, timeline.

Jamie Gorenflo – I can send information, cost, timeline.

Hawley – just send us the illustration and cost; we can then talk as a board; wrap our head around this; it is all cost.

Wright – keep it simple.

McMahan – will anyone even be happy with the ideas; we have a lot of people behind keyboards that are not happy with the Township.

Aboneaaj – a lot of maintenance.

Smith – simplify; don't need backlash from the residents.

McMahan – that's what I am concerned about.

Aboneaaj – giving season is almost upon us; disclose where we are at monthly.

Hawley – don't let keyboard warriors deter us; big projects.

**APPROVE DAVISON AUTOMOTIVE BEAUTIFICATION GRANT WITH AN AMOUNT.**

**MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY SMITH** to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the beautification grant for landscaping, painting exterior, and new signage. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hawley – we need to make a motion to allocate an additional \$2,000.00 for the sidewalks on Gale Road.

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN** to allocate an additional \$2,000.00 for the sidewalks on Gale Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE APPLICATION AMOUNT FOR JOHN'S PIZZERIA ON DDA BEAUTIFICATION FOR \$5,000.00.**

**MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY CLARK** to approve John's Pizzeria for the \$5,000.00. for beautifying their property. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY SMITH, SECOND BY CLARK** to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Kurtis McMahan – DDA Secretary