

Village of Pentwater - Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Call to Order – Ressel-Hodan called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance Roll Call – Dunn, Lambrix, Graettinger, Witt, Loisch, Schumaker, Osborn, Haack, Hodges and Ressel-Hodan.

Absent - MacDonald.

Also present - Brown, Village Manager; and Siok, Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

Agenda - Motion to approve agenda as amended (adding two items: Under Public Comments add a thank you from Chris Conroy and under New Business, to approve a millage rate) by Dunn, second by Graettinger. Voice vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes of April 10, 2019 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes as amended (with spelling corrections, adding a motion made by Graettinger, and the attendance roll, present and absent), by Graettinger second by Dunn. Voice vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Public Comments – Thanks and gratitude expressed for the DDA’s financial and advisory support of the boat parade made by Chris Conroy.

BOARD STRUCTURE

a. DDA Chair Vote: Nominee Mary Schumaker

Motion by Osborn, second by Graettinger to recommend Schumaker as DDA chair for 4 years. Roll call vote: Osborn, yes; Graettinger, yes; Witt, yes; Dunn, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; Schumaker, yes and Hodges, yes. Absent: MacDonald. Motion passed.

b. Vice Chair Vote: Nominee Claudia Ressel-Hodan

Motion by Osborn, second by Dunn to recommend Ressel-Hodan as Vice-Chair for 4 years. Roll call vote: Osborn, yes; Dunn; Graettinger, yes; Witt, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; Schumaker, yes and Hodges, yes. Absent: MacDonald. Motion passed.

c. New Board Member; Michael Haack

Hodges introduced Michael Haack, resident and owner/operator of Birch Michigan, approved by Council as DDA Board interim member for Babbin’s term expiring January 2020.

Presentation from Pentwater Vision Committee

Mark Benner shared a copy of the first monthly update that will be going out. He explained that it was the job of the vision team to get the people of the community to talk about what’s important to the future of this community and engage as many people as possible including community surveys and four focus groups. He said to check the website: pentwatervision.com

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer’s Report was distributed. Witt said that money given to the Art’s Council or SOS is not reflected in the bank statement.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Dunn, second by Graettinger. Roll call vote: Dunn, yes; Graettinger, yes; Osborn, yes; Witt, yes; Haack, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; Schumaker, yes and Hodges, yes. Absent: MacDonald
Motion passed.

b. Wi Fi – Dunn suggested to move forward with the proposal from SkyWeb to add repeaters. Discussion followed regarding configuration and possible test using Village’s fiber optics. Resel-Hodan said that the WiFi proposal is already in the budget, motion is not needed.

c. Downtown Development Plan-Committee Formation –Discussion of forming a committee to work on the downtown plan and be part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program will include Schumaker, Haack, Graettinger and Ressel-Hodan.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. Bill Board Signage – Discussion of bill board sign advertising, locations and cost. More information is needed for meeting in August.
Update discussed of Christmas decorations on light poles; all Saturday’s in December, 3-6 PM, the DDA is sponsoring a fire-pit at the top of the Village Green; Solfest on the Green, the third weekend in September and Town Hall Meeting scheduled July 11.

b. Millage – Ressel-Hodan explained the DDA millage of 1.5021.
Motion to accept the DDA millage of 1.5021 by Dunn, second by Hodges. Roll call vote: Dunn, yes; Hodges, yes; Witt, yes; Graettinger, yes; Haack, yes; Osborn, yes; Lambrix, yes; Loisch, yes; Schumaker, yes; Ressel-Hodan, yes. Absent: MacDonald. Motion passed.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM by Ressel-Hodan.

Next scheduled DDA Meeting, August 14, 2019, 8:30 AM in the Pentwater Community Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Siok, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Date