

# Michigamme Township DDA 2023

## Minutes for September 7, 2023

**Opening of Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent, Rhonda B. New members Dan Swiedel and Lisa Swiedel were sworn in by Supervisor Rhonda B. earlier in the week.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Rose M. All In favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Virginia O. to approve the minutes from August 7, 2023 with a correction under member comment. Rhonda G. should be Rhonda B. Seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** No new statements from the office. Finances only go through July 2023.

**Public Comment:** Terry M. commented on the billboard sign getting cleared of brush and how good it looked. William S. reported that there was a question as to why the Museum billboard is not together. This is because we are still waiting on the final design and the actual construction on the new location.

**Member Comment:** Rhonda G. welcomed new members Dan S. and Lisa S. Julia L. also welcomed Dan S. and Lisa S. and arranged to have their DDA items put into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July mail slot in the office. Rose M. requested that it be recorded in the minutes that Jerry and Friederike Roach were not forced to leave the DDA. In fact, they choose to resign and did so at a regularly scheduled meeting of the DDA prior to its start. This caused a no quorum so the meeting was not held. The reorganization and staggering of members terms was done after the request was made from the Township Board to go to 8 members, 4 of which should be business owners. All current members had to reapply so the Township Board could approve the appointments. Some members chose not to apply, some reapplied and two resigned. Scott G. welcomed Dan S. and Lisa S. and reported that he got the billboard tree trimming done.

### **Old Business:**

1- **Town Plan Update:** Julia L. reported that she is still working on typing it. We have received the new pictures taken for the plan and Julia L. will put them in a slide format for members to review. We still need a picture of the senior meal.

2- **Holiday Market:** Virginia O. will handle the advertising with Marquette Monthly which is an ad and two calendar spots. The Mining Journal will be the two-day ad deal they offer.

Media Brew will do the radio ads. Julia L. will contact Globe Printing for the posters and Rose M. will distribute them. Julia L. has sent Jen Z. the photos from the spring market to put together something looking for new vendors and then the print poster once it is done.

3- Signage Project Status: Our goal is to get one pole area completed before winter. Scott will get the boards to brace the poles and they will get stained. Julia L. will get the stain to Scott G. and he will again contact Butler about doing the boring work with Icon for the Museum billboard.

4- East Entry Sign: Scott G. will contact Shawn at Ishpeming concrete.

5- Brook and Main Property: Township Board wants more information on the project. Julia will search for grants and see if Jack Deo has any Red Owl store pictures in his archives.

6- Drainage at Entry: Ongoing, no results yet.

### New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: Motion was made by Virginia O. and seconded by Rhonda G. to pay the following bills. All in favor.

- Carlos Terrell for Town Plan Photos \$100
- Accept the \$1000 donation from Lundin toward a picnic table.

Rose M. will bring the Lundin check to the office and write the thank you note. Julia L. will bring the photo release to the office so it can be sent with the check to Carlos T.

2- Invest the ICS funds: Discussion was held about moving the \$5000 we have in an ICS account at Range into a CD for better interest. It was decided to not change banks but go with Range Bank for an 11-month CD at 5.15% Roll call vote, all in favor. Scott G. will contact the treasurer to make arrangements.

3- Fall Banner Contest: Discussion was held and it was decided to extend the Fall and Winter Banner photo entries to January 1, 2024. Julia L. will let Jen know about this decision.

4- Selling of Current Banners: Discussion was held and we are not going to sell the banners.

5- Fall Entry Display: Discussion was held and we will purchase 5 straw bales, collect the scarecrows from Nance F. and items Virginia O. has and Rhonda G. will go pumpkin shopping.

6- Bikes and Planters: They will be stored by the end of September. DPW will put them away.

7- Welcome to Moose Drop: Scott G. and Virginia O. will visit and see if they want to be part of the DDA Facebook site and or get involved with the DDA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda G. and seconded by Scott G. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.