

Michigamme Township DDA 2024
Minutes for April 1, 2024

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent, Rose M., Lisa S., Dan S., and Supervisor Heather S. The meeting was called to order late because we needed one more member present to have a quorum. Scott G. called Heather S. about attending but she was in Escanaba. He had a discussion with her about attending as the Supervisor and she said that she would look into it and would help if she could. It was discussed and we will send her the information about membership in the DDA that was given to us by the Townships Attorney, Roger Zappa. Of the last 16 DDA meetings 10 have been without representation from the Township Board. At this point we consider ourselves a 7-member board and will meet with a quorum of 4.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda. Seconded by Scott G. All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the minutes from March 4, 2024 with the correction of the date on the heading. Seconded by Julia L. All in Favor.

Treasurers Report: The needed paperwork was locked in the office so there was no report.

Public Comment: None

Member Comment: Rhonda G. reiterated that we need to question someone from the board being represented on the DDA. Julia L. shared the Resolution dated 2017 in support of connecting the Iron Ore Heritage Trail from Marquette County to Baraga County.

Old Business:

1- **Highway Billboards:** Scott G. made a call to Fraco looking for possible masons who would do the gateway stone work. He has to call back to speak with the "guy who knows." Mudmen said they need more information like what kind of stone we are going to use. Rhonda G. suggested that some of us make a trip to the Fraco stone yard in Harvey to see what they have. Julia L. will contact Randy H. about possibly doing the project. Julia L. relayed the information gathered by Dan S. that the Moose Lift sign can be relocated on the Michigamme Market land with permission. Discussion was held about making it two sided and 8' x 8' with wording, "come again" on the east side. Scott G. will have 6 x 8 and 8x 8 scale mock-up signs made with cost for May meeting. Discussion was held about the location of the furthest west sign and the idea to move it closer than 8 miles from Michigamme was agreed upon. The idea of asking John H. to use his property was agreed upon as a new

location. Julia L. will speak with John H. and check on the quality of the old sign plywood backing that has been stored for many years.

2- Christmas Order: Scott polled members when it was discovered that the price had an increase and that the township board gave no answer or reaction when requested to pay for part of the purchase. Members voted yes, Rhonda G. ordered them and they will be shipped to Great Lakes Upholstery so for sure there will be someone to unload them.

3- Bike Adoption: There are only two bikes left.

4- Signage Location Update: Julia L. shared the new map from the DOT.

New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: None

2- Approval of Newsletter Information: After review it was decided that the Childrens Christmas Party should be added to the calendar section. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to submit the information with the addition. Seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor.

3- Brown Bay Property Letter: After review a motion was made by Rhonda G. and seconded by Scott G. to send the letter and attached information. All in Favor.

4- Review of CIP Scores: Members reviewed the scores and DDA financials to verify the CIP's being accurate. There are three and only one got board support. The LED digital sign.

5- GINCC: An article about the Lake Superior Community Partnership inviting 6-8 western end businesses joining them as chamber members was shared and discussed. We will wait, watch, and see what happens.

6- Annual Report: The 2023-2024 Annual Report was reviewed. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the report with the final addition of the ICS interest through March. Seconded by Virginia Olson. All in Favor.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to adjourn, seconded by Virginia O. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.