



## **DDA MEETING MINUTES** **Of** **January 15, 2026**

**Members Present:** Director Fernandez, Chairman Bowman, Huegli, Bacheller  
Supervisor Lewandowski, Sec./Treasurer Shonka.

Members Absent: Moore, Vice Chairman Pringle

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chairman Bowman

Motion by Huegli, second by Bacheller, to approve the minutes of the October 17 meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by, Bacheller, second by Lewandowski, to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Public comment:

Carol Miller – Museum - DDA business Board. Blight. Home eves trough. Fire on Ravenswood. Fire dept /code enforcement combination.

**New Business-**

Randy Fernandez updated the board on:

- A. EDA Small Business Grant. Window to apply is only 10 days. 185 businesses in St Clair County applied, with 10 were awarded totaling \$64,000. 13 of the 185 from twp. applied. Only 1 winner. – CJs Bar and Grill for \$4999.00.
- B. Grants in General – Looking for opportunities for grants. Opportunity for a \$20,000-\$30,000 grant for the Museum Received \$2200 from DTE to start the process. Joe Mrika donated \$3,000 for a GaGa Ball for Bakers field.
- C. Tractor with Blower, Mower, Broom- Wadhams Equipment \$45231.00 15% higher than the John Deere \$38,6411.88. Asking to share costs (50%) between DDA and Twp. Current tractor is 25 years old. Needs many repairs.

- D. BWATC – Bus shelter near Bio Pro contacted Dave McElroy at BWATC about the possibility of adding a bus shelter. After the traffic analysis, after meeting with him, a shelter will be placed in the spring near the Blue Water Action Agency. Also, the bus will stop and pass through the Twp hall parking lot to drop off and pick up passengers.
- E. Cold Calling –Called IHOP and Sonic, Culvers, and Sheetz. Called and received a response from IHOP.
- F. DTE Street Lighting – met with DTE officials. Talked about 51 decorative lights out, 13 with damaged skirting, with one light knocked down. Replacing the heads with an LED conversion. Waiting on a quote for these. Payback for the conversion is a factor. Currently 388 decorative poles in and near the DDA.
- G. Sidewalk – Sidewalk is in on Howard St. with some restoration work yet to finish.

**Old Business –**

- A. 7 Brew – Moving forward.
- B. Marcies Soul Food Resturant - is open.
- C. Mike Duggen – Coming to the Convention Center Mon Jan 26 11::30-1:00pm and again at 3:00pm at the Vintage Tavern.
- D. EDA Semi -Annual meeting Feb. 17 at 11:30 at Alexanders will be giving away an award to Dollar General.
- E. Rite Aid – building in Marysville sold for 1.4 million.
- F. Attended the Lt Governor at Gilcrist at the Convention Center. Running for Sec of State.
- G. Met recently with Joe Pavlov on small business. Plans on Bringing Brian Cally – currently head of the Small Business assoc. also working with The Chamber of Commerce. Funding opportunities.
- H. Bob will be asking the trustees at the regular board meeting to approve Marshal Campbell to the DDA Board.
- I. Bob and Randy have a meeting with Randy Meiers the Community Foundation to pick Port Huron Township for grant money.

**Action item –**

**Motion by Shonka, Second By Bacheller to Purchase 1 John Deere Tractor, Mower, Snow Blower, Broom  
Bowman Yes; Heigli, Yes; Lewandowski, Yes; Bacheller, Yes; Shonka, Yes.**

Adjournment - Motion by Huegli Second By Bachler, Motion Passed at 12:05pm

Next Meeting: April 16, 2026.