



## DDA MEETING MINUTES Of October 13, 2017

**Members Present:** Huegli, Kellerman, Harrison, , Prax,

Director Paul Maxwell, Supervisor Lewandowski, Sec./Treasurer Shonka.

Members Absent: Kenny, Pringle

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Huegli.

Motion by Kellerman, second by Prax, to approve the minutes of the 7/14/2017 meeting.

**Motion Passed.**

Motion by Kellerman, second by Prax, to accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

**Motion Passed.**

Director Maxwell updated the board on:

**M-Dot CN Property** – It has been four years this month since the first discussion on moving the Rail Depot. Public meetings on the Rail Depot to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm - 4:00pm and on October 26 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the St Clair County Building. The city location has been cited several times for ADA violations. The proposed Port Huron Township location would have enough room for parking, lighting and a new repair facility for train maintenance. Proposed plans would also expand the Bridge to Bay Trail and the Wadhams to Avoca Trail to the rail station. A bicycle shop wants to be located there as the train and Bus transportation have ability to carry bicycles on their vehicles. 120 acres are available in the area. DDA Director Paul Maxwell is confident we will get the station. The county board has told him people are going to Lapeer to get on the train because of the parking issues at the current Port Huron location. Amtrak is in favor of the Port Huron Township location. Much discussion on this subject.

**Former Kmart Location** - Collier Intl. is working on the location. The owners are interested in doing something with the property. Willing to work with the township on a distribution/ retail/ restaurant type of facility. No one is interested on 200,000 sq.ft

properties currently for retail. Birchwood mall is struggling with the closing of the Sears store and are concerned with Macy's, Target, and Penney's. possible leaving.

**Sams Club** – Building is Forclosed. The owner could not sell the property. The Rent is paid directly to the bank which holds the note on the building. The bank is happy with this arrangement and is in no hurry to sell the property. Sams Club is operating as normal.

**Tractor Supply** – Aldi is looking at building among them is a furniture store and others. Four other companies are interested in the building but, as a light Industrial use. The Owners of the building had the building for sale for \$1,200,000 but have dropped the price to \$700,000. They own 5 other TSC Buildings.

**Former Vending business next to Burger King** - Now completely torn down and cleaned up. Current plans are for either a Checkers Hamburger or a fruit smoothie drive through business.

**New business in Twp.** - New business opened in Township! Excaliber Crossbows opened in the former Allstate Claim Center. Company is a Manufacturer with shipping via on line.

**Lynches Motorsports Building** – Lapeer location across from Twp.Hall and smaller office building next door has been sold to Richard Ainsworth. Plans for building will be to move the Fastenal to the location and renovate the remaining buildings.

**Budget** – DDA is a department of Port Huron Township. Changes are an increase in income (property tax).

Salaries – 2% increase along with Twp guidelines.

Hospitalization – drop of \$7000.00 in expenses.

Repairs and other - Drop to \$20,000 from \$30,000

Motion by, Kellerman. Second by Prax, to approve 2018 budget. **Motion Passed.**

Motion to adjourn by Huegli, via voice vote **Motion Passed.**

Adjourned @12:58pm