



DDA MEETING MINUTES

Of
July 17, 2025

Members Present: Bacheller, Bowman, Chairman Huegli, Pringle, Moore, Supervisor Lewandowski, Sec./Treasurer Shonka.

Members Absent: None

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

Motion by Shonka, second by Lewandowski, to approve the minutes of the October 2024 meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Motion by Shonka, second by Pringle, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting.

Modifications to the mis-spelling of Bacheller and rewording of the public comment area

Motion Passed.

Motion by Pringle, second by Bacheller, to accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

Motion Passed.

Public comment:

Carol Miller – expressed concern about the new DDA director, and about the justification of the \$35.00 Stipend for cell phone use.

New Business -

- A. Election of a new Chair and Vice Chair. Motion By Lewandowski Supported by Shonka to nominate Pat Pringle as Chair and Kim Bowman as Vice Chair. Motion Passed.

Vice Chair Bowman yields to new DDA Chair Pat Pringle.

New Chairman Pat Pringle takes over the meeting. At 6:00 into meeting.

- B. Approve Hiring Randy Fernandez as DDA Director - Motion by Lewandowski, Support by Bowman. Discussion about the cell phone stipend.

Randy Fernandez - spoke about being recently retired and needing to keep busy. Happy to use his own cell phone. Mentioned he likes to find money and with the township's 200th anniversary coming up and believe there is opportunities with businesses in the area to maybe help out with that. Mentioned a farmers market to possibly come into the district as one idea. Believe there is untapped opportunity with SEMCO, DTE, Enbridge, Community Foundation, Etc. which may be able to help out. Salary is 15,000 per year. Previous Directors were paid more. If performance exceeds expectations there can be more. **Motion Passed.**

Unfinished Business -

Supervisor Lewandowski updated the board on:

- A. Sidewalk Project – expected more done on the project. Requested DLZ to do the staking. Progressing slowly.
- B. Welcome sign – Talked to the new owner, discussed it with him and he said he was fine with putting the sign up. Two water main breaks delayed the project. Should be erected soon.
- C. Former Art Van Bldg. has heard nothing from the company , Project Surface.
- D. Former Rite Aid – Mr Lewandowski has been told last week that the building has been sold, he does not know what the new use will be. He received a call from someone asking if they can put a car wash or gas station there or a combination of both at the location. He told them it would require a special use approval.

Correspondences –

Chairman Pringle - City bus in front of Bio-Pro should have a shelter at that location.

Bacheller asked about an update on Popeyes. Still looking at the former Buckland site.

Motion by Huegli, supported by Bowman to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025.

Adjourned @11:20am.