

DDA Minutes of August 27, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence DDA located at the Village office , 157 N Paw Paw Street was called to order at 5:30 with the following members present: Kim Thompson, John Gritter, Phil Glinnie, Steve Petersen and Dale Gribler. Not in attendance: Mike Chappell, Gary Barton.

MINUTES: moved by Petersen supported by Glinnie to approve the minutes of 6/25/25
carried

TREASURER REPORT: Thompson distributed the July revenue and expenditure reports. Bank balance for Farmers Market \$2,099.10. DDA \$174,395.04. Motion by Glinnie supported by Gritter to accept treasurer report. Carried

Discussion about removing Stroud and Barton from the signatory card at Arbor. Motion by Thompson supported by Petersen to remove Theresa Stroud and Gary Barton from the DDA account and add Dale Gribler, Kim Thompson and Amy Cordes to the account as signatories at Arbor. Carried

FARMERS MARKET: members reported from their personal attendance the market is going well. The Artisan addition to the market last weekend was very well received.

FACADE PROGRAM: Kim has completed the postcards explaining commercial and residential facade grants to be mailed to all property owners located in the DDA district.

Discussion about assisting owners of commercial buildings with murals on their buildings beyond the funds through the grant program. Consensus felt a separate program for commercial building murals was discussed. It was felt more financial assistance would be needed for this type of program addition.

Moved by Thompson supported by Gritter to grant commercial building owners up to \$5,000 for mural(s) on their buildings. Applicants shall submit an artist rendering of the mural for approval by the DDA board who would then make a recommendation to the Lawrence Village Council for their approval. Carried

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Glinnie reported they have not had a meeting. Phil recommends the DDA committee be the governing body for community events, etc, and he would like to try and put together a business association for the village for "community development ". Consensus of members liked these ideas.

NEW BUSINESS: new banners are needed for the light poles. Quote received from Consort for a total of 16 banners and 20 screw gear bands for a total of \$982.20. Motion by Thompson supported by Gritter to purchase 16 banners and 20 bands for a total of \$982.20. (Account 980.700) carried

6 benches were assembled and installed around the park by S&P construction of Lawrence for \$3,000. Previously approved to pay up to \$3500 for said work. Motion by Glinnie supported by Petersen to pay S&P Construction \$3,000 for the assembly and installation of 6 park benches purchased last year. Carried (account 956.001)

Police chief Bianco reported he has security set for the Ox Roast and should cost between \$700-\$900.

Two quotes were received to update the old pavilion with steel to replicate the new pavilion. Motion by Thompson supported by Gritter to approve the quote submitted by Bontrager Construction LLC to install green steel roof, white siding, white ceiling and white beam wrap for a cost of \$18,750. Discussion, Petersen would like to leave the ceiling open. Glinnie mentioned the acoustics may be an issue with the

metal ceiling. Members felt the ceiling update was needed. Members present voted yes with Petersen voting no. (Account# 956.001)

The village electrician , Alpha Pro Electric, provided a quote to rewire, install new ceiling lights, reinstall cameras, remove all old wiring and conduit for \$6,450. Motion by Glinnie supported by Gritter to authorize Alpha Pro Electric to rewire and install new lights, outlets and camera in the old pavilion for \$6,450. Members voted yes with Petersen voting no. Carried. (Account# 930.000)

The flag pole in the park was destroyed, it is estimated the cost of replacing the 40' pole is \$4,000. The person who hit the pole has insurance that will be billed. Motion by Glinnie supported by Gritter to authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,000 for a new flag pole for the park by the DPW Supervisor. Carried

Committee will request DPW Supervisor to receive a quote for a new sidewalk from Acapulco north to the railroad tracks.

Fruit Street Kitchen is requesting rental reimbursement for the months of June, July, August and September. Discussion as the restaurant is now only open for banquets and not to the general public with normal business hours. It was also noted by the village office that the 18 month reimbursement program is completed in August. Motion by Kim supported by Steve to approve the reimbursement to Fruit Street for the months of June, July and August. Carried.

It is noted that the business incubator program needs to update the qualifications that the business needs to be open to the public with regular business hours/days.

Motion by Thompson supported by Gritter to adjourn at 7:07pm. Carried

Next meeting is September 24th at 5:30pm.