

DDA MEETING 3/26/2026

LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL

The March 26th, 2026, DDA meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the following members present Rachel Ferrell, Steve Petersen, John Gritter, Dale Gribler.

Not present: Kim Thompson, Mike Chappell, Phil Glennie.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 2/25/2026 meeting was presented with the following correction, last paragraph should be \$120,000 not \$120,00. Motion by John supported by Rachel to approve. Carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Financial reports were reviewed. As of 2/28/26, bank balance of \$157,507 in DDA; Farmers Market account balance of \$2,210. Financial reports attached.

FARMERS MARKET: Tad Moody and Jan will be getting together for the upcoming season.

FACADE: Discussion on vacant properties and coordinating letter from Village zoning inspector, the DDA facade grant postcards and the rehabilitation grants. It was concluded the postcards should be sent ASAP as there is no date for the rehabilitation grants established yet and the commercial properties do not qualify for the rehab grants. Rachel will work with the zoning inspector and Kim when she returns on coordinating the sending of the postcards.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Rachel and Dale met with an Amish representative to review multiple locations for a hitching post. The Amish representative highly recommended location by the dumpster in the NW corner of the parking lot to be away from traffic flow, green space and waste disposal. Rachel and the representative looked for a space near the park, the Village owned triangle NE of the park. Rachel will contact Brian about this location. It is estimated the material cost to be under \$500 for each location. Motion by John supported by Steve to approve up to \$500 for each location. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Amy and Dale attended the tax hearing in Paw Paw in February. Amy followed up with the County Treasurer who sent her a form to claim the DDA portion of the owed funds for the HVAC system if excess funds are available. NOTE: Amy has received notice that one year's tax was paid by Fruit Street Kitchen, therefore satisfying the tax issue this year.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday April 22, 2026, at 5:30pm.