

DDA MEETING 4/22/2026
LAWRENCE VILLAGE HALL

The April 22nd, 2026, DDA meeting was called to order to 5:35 pm with the following members present Steve Petersen, Rachel Ferrell, Phil Glennie, John Gritter, Mike Chappell, Dale Gribler.

Not present: Kim Thompson- condolences to Kim and her family with the passing of her father. Guest Jan Petersen

MINUTES: minutes of the 3/26/2026 meeting was reviewed. Motion by Rachel, supported by Mike to approve. Carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Bank balance as of 3/31/26 for Farmers Market: \$2,210; DDA: \$153,757. Kim submitted two versions of the monthly financials; 1: one page report, 2: three-page report with payment details. After discussion the committee would prefer the one-page financial report. Thank you Kim. Monthly financials attached

FARMERS MARKET: Jan has been meeting with Tad, everything is on schedule. Jan reported that our FM ad is included in the state brochure. Jan also left information on new businesses networking meeting in Fremont next month and encourages members to attend. DDA has a budget to pay for the members to go.

FACADE PROGRAM: No new applications. Committee approved by consensus to send out postcards to the DDA area property owners. The members will attend the May 6th community block grant meeting to answer any questions about the DDA grants that could supplement the state grant. John will contact SW Michigan Feed and Dale will contact Krista Goens about their interest in murals.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Phil reported there will be a dedication of the new pavilion honoring Jim and Gayle Crandall. He has secured performers for music in the park. Rachel will contact Chris Mihelich regarding progress on empty building inspections. Minutes attached.

OLD BUSINESS: Fruit Street has paid one year of back taxes. The cement for pickleball is in and must be cured for 30 days before sealing and painting. The paint schemes are selected: purple in the kitchen area, light green on the rest of surface, the group would like a third color for out of bounds. Dale will contact the painter for the cost of a 3rd color. DDA will pay for a planted Christmas tree in the park and coordinate a selection site with Brian Johnson. The hitching post materials for buggies are ready, and Steve offered to pick them up at Menards.

NEW BUSINESS: Dale meet with John Lanphear about building in the industrial park, and one

area of concern for him was the sites are not ready to be built on. Dale mentioned to the committee we should get an excavation estimate for next year's budget.

General discussion about the Village parking lot and paving of exchange street near the park so surface water flows to the drains installed. It was suggested the back funding owed to the DDA from the Village be earmarked for parking lot resurfacing. Discussion on the removal of sidewalk/curb on the North side of the parking lot. It may be wise to place conduit in that area before it's covered so we can move the pole that is in the NE corner of the lot that controls some of the decorative streetlights. Mike would like to invite a business couple from Hartford to our next meeting to discuss opening a second location, which would be great. John will coordinate with Mike on the meeting as the LDFA may be meeting in May at 6:30 after the DDA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday May 27th, 2026, at 5:30 pm.