

## DDA Minutes June 25, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Lawrence DDA called to order at 5:31 located at the Village office, 157 N Paw Paw Street with the following members present: John Gritter, Dale Gribler, Phil Glinnie, Steve Petersen, Mike Chappell, Kim Thompson. Guest Jan Petersen.

MINUTES: motion by Phil supported by Steve to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025. Carried

TREASURER REPORT: Kim presented the DDA balance sheet and the monthly revenue/expenditure report (attached) current balance \$167,025. Thank you Kim for the report. Motion by Mike supported by Phil to accept the treasurer's report, carried.

FARMERS MARKET: first month of the market seems to be doing well. Jan mentioned a non approved food vendor appeared at the market, moved to the other side of park, however the vendor did not have proper permission from the village. Suggest that copies of the food vendor ordinance be printed for the FM Manager so she could simply hand the requirements to any future food vendor.

FACADE GRANTS: no new applications, Kim will produce and direct mail a postcard to all home and commercial property owners the availability of the facade grants.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Phil reported on the grand opening of Community Care , there will be a community health fair on July 26 from 12-3 in the village parking lot with various health and safety vendors. DDA has arranged for a 20x40 tent with tables and chairs plus Fruit Street will cook 150 hotdogs (DDA will cover cost of tent/hot dogs). Welcome rugs for ordered for community care, sunlight and rainbells for presentation at the event as well. Ox roast committee will present a request for funding at the July meeting. Phil noted that fundraising is going well for the Ox Roast. Phil would like to pursue a joint village/township business association rather than the community development committee, he would continue to chair the community relations aspect for on going projects such as Easter egg hunt, Christmas in the park, etc. with financial support from the DDA. He will bring this up at the next joint village parking lot/township joint meeting on August 18th.

NEW BUSINESS: discussion on the purchase of a town clock for the village by the DDA and location in the old fountain area of the park or in the area of the flower shop. Refer to village for their thoughts.

OLD BUSINESS: discussion regarding the incubator reimbursement request of Fruit Street for the months of November 2024 through May 2025 ( payment schedule 12-18) which would conclude the 18 month program for Fruit Street. Discussion about reimbursement for months when business was closed ( January-April 4 months) the reimbursement guidelines clearly state the business must be operational to receive reimbursement. Moved by Kim supported by Mike to approve reimbursement for the months of November, December and May when the business was open and to allow for future reimbursement of four months to make up for the months Fruit Street was closed. Carried.

Sporting Image is working on the sign for the new Pavilion. Kim will recontact Amish for the quote to install the benches for the park and the metal installation on the old pavilion.

Gribler asked John and Phil if we could remove the grass in the downtown sidewalks and painting of curbs to have the village look more appealing..

Motion by Steve supported by Phil to adjourn at 6:55 pm