

VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW
DDA Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025

Chairman Jonaitis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Emily Griffith, Ransom Leppink, Greg Mckenna, Kevin Griffith, Paul Mesman and Ed Jonaitis.

Members Absent: John Verplank and Raymi Sunabe.

Also Present: Village Manager, Darin K. Dood and Clerk Melissa King.

Emily Griffith moved, and Kevin Griffith seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Oath of Office- The Oath of office was given to the following DDA member: Greg Mckenna. Dave Beemer was sworn in to fill the vacated seat. Both were sworn in for four-year terms.

Emily Griffith moved, and Greg Mckenna seconded to approve the minutes from December 18, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

Cash Balance/Budget-

Last year we discussed the MEDC grant that we applied for to build a pavilion. The grant was a 50/50 match with the building cost (at the time) being \$500,000. Griffith Builders helped make this grant a reality, helping with the last-minute drawing and details for this grant. Recently we were awarded \$185,600 towards this project. Manager Dood is asking the DDA for help to facilitate paying off the difference of the project. To try to offset additional cost, Manager Dood wrote a grant to the Community Action Committee (CAC). We received \$15,000 to help pay for the sign and the landscaping for the pavilion project.

Our current cash balance in DDA is \$189,000. The Tax Increment Financing that comes in at the end of the fiscal year is coming in less than we budgeted for. The county millage dropped by 1 mill, which in turn affected the DDA revenue by about \$20,000. The General Fund was also affected by this drop.

The Façade Grants that we had approved for last year totaling approximately \$5,800 have not yet been paid. The 10th Street project fell through and the N. Greenville Rd. sign project has yet to turn in their final paperwork. So, this money may potentially be available towards next year's budget.

Project Ideas-

- The DDA sign on M46 needs to be updated. The cost would be roughly \$5,000.
- Marketing Lakeview by doing a promotional video of our town. This cost would be \$7,500.

It was asked if Manager Dood intended the DDA to make up the difference of the pavilion project. He stated that the DDA did not have enough money to make that happen but any help would be appreciated.

Manager Dood asked for thoughts on the projects suggested. It was agreed that the M46 sign would be fine for another year, but they would like to see the promotional video happen.

The DDA members stated they were happy to apply any remaining money in their budget towards the pavilion.

It was suggested that we look into restructuring the back parking lot on Lake Drive to receive deliveries again.

26/27 Façade Grants

One of the applicants brought it to our attention that the façade grant rules that are posted online state that you can get awarded up to 50% on a sign if it is quality construction. Typically, all signs are awarded at 30%.

-Dr. Green submitted a façade application to repaint his building located at 412 S. Lincoln and update the sign that is located on the front of his building. It was agreed that the sign would be paid out at 30% and this section in the program be addressed.

The final award would be \$1,193.51.

-Cato Township submitted a façade application to paint the top portion of the building and add a sign in block letters.

The final award would be \$1,147.55.

Greg Mckenna moved, and Emily Griffith seconded to pay out the two façade grants as presented. Motion carried.

Emily Griffith moved, and Paul Mesman seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:45 P.M.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King
Village Clerk

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