

**VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW**  
**DDA Meeting Minutes**  
**December 18, 2024**

Greg Mckenna called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**Members Present:** Emily Griffith, Ransom Leppink, Greg Mckenna, Kevin Griffith, Paul Mesman, John Verplank and Raymi Sunabe.

**Members Absent:** Ed Jonaitis

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

Leppink moved and Verplank seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Dave Beemer is the Sales Manager for Wolf Kubota and he attended with Josh who is the Store Manager for the Lakeview location. Dave mentioned that they wanted to get more involved with the community and the school district. Joshua mentioned that they have opportunity for donations and charity rentals. Their goal is to give back to the community and the surrounding areas.

**Oath of Office-** The Oath of office was given to the following DDA members: Kevin Griffith, Ransom Leppink, John Verplank and Paul Mesman. Ed Jonaitis was given the Oath of Office earlier in the day.

Jonaitis will remain the chairman of the DDA while Mckenna will be the vice chair.

Emily Griffith moved and Sunabe seconded to approve the minutes from December 20, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

**Cash Balance/Budget-**

The current cash balance in the DDA fund is \$49,000. It will fluctuate between now and the end of the fiscal year end. The TIFA capture for 2024 is \$128,935.29 which is significantly larger than anticipated. These funds will be received yet this fiscal year. Our capture went up 23% this year. We anticipate an increase again next year. The DDA helps pay for street lights, Christmas decorations and operating costs associated with the downtown district. The DDA also contributes \$30,000 yearly to help with the Municipal Complex loan.

**Facade Grants-**

Our deadline for Façade Grants is the 15<sup>th</sup> of December every year. That gives the DDA time to review the applications, approve them, and then build them into the budget.

This year we received two applicants. The first grant would total \$888.90 for signage located at 9643 N. Greenville Rd. The second grant would total \$5,000 and would be for the property located at 150 Tenth St.

This location was given a grant in 2023. The grant rules state that a location by the same owner is only eligible every three years. Because this particular business was previously owned by the father of the current owner, we need to look further into this to see if the property actually changed ownership.

The DDA approved both contingent on the second officially changing ownership.

Manager Dood stated that he applied for a grant through the MEDC for a pavilion. This grant is for (up to) \$500,000 with a 50% match. A pavilion has been on our CIP list for some time. We have always talked about placing a pavilion and restrooms across the street on the Bollinger's grass lot but recently the idea of placing it on the Kelsey property on the Lincoln Street side instead would help the community deal with the loss of Kelsey and would be a great way to memorialize the property. If we are awarded this grant, Manager Dood would like to see the DDA contribute towards the match with the General Fund picking up the remaining balance.

If this grant does not come to fruition, we will meet again in June and go through our CIP list to determine what we can do and make budget amendments accordingly.

Manager Dood has been working on designating a loading/unloading zone on Lincoln Ave to keep semis off from Lake Drive. We are looking at cutting into the curb at the pocket park and placing the loading zone on the North side of the pocket park. This would allow drivers to use the park walkway to take their deliveries to the back side of the buildings. By cutting the curb, we would be able to add more handicap parking spaces.

Further discussion is requested on possibly having a why Lakeview campaign or social media campaign to try to draw people to Lakeview. Placing Billboards would also be a way to help bring people to our community. Different avenues work differently in many ways. Manager Dood will add these and MDOT advertising to the CIP list.

Leppink moved and Kevin Griffith seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:43 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King  
Village Clerk

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