

CITY OF STANDISH  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
October 8, 2019  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-399 E BEAVER STREET  
STANDISH, MI 48658

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Moniz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Dennis Whitney, DDA Member  
Kim Hadd, DDA Member (arrived at 1:20)  
Curt Hillman, Chairman  
Robert Wiltse, DDA Member  
Kevin King, Mayor  
Eric Richardson, DDA Member  
Amanda Pomaville, DDA Member  
Abby Moniz, Vice Chairman

ABSENT

Denny Wiltse, DDA Member

ALSO PRESENT

Peggy Burtch, Clerk/Treasurer City of Standish, Jerry Nelson, City Manager, Steve Mann, Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, Chris Gwisdala

OLD BUSINESS – GRANT PROGRAM-STEVE MANN

**Moved** by Whitney and supported King to enter into closed session at 1:04 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with their Attorney regarding the Business Incentive Grant program.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Whitney, Hillman, R. Wiltse, King, Richardson, Pomaville, Moniz  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Hadd, D. Wiltse

The motion carried and the DDA Board entered closed session at 1:04 p.m.

Hadd arrives at 1:20 p.m.

**Moved** by Whitney and supported by R. Wiltse to reconvene to open session at 1:35 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: R. Wiltse, King, Richardson, Pomaville, Moniz, Hadd, Whitney, Hillman  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: D. Wiltse

The motion carried and the DDA Board reconvened into open session.

**Moved** by Wiltse and supported by Whitney to authorize Hillman to contact Senator Jim Stamas and request that he attend the next DDA meeting to address the concerns in Public Act 57 as to how it relates to the Business Incentive Program for the DDA Plan. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved** by Whitney and supported by Hadd to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved** by Whitney and supported by King to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular DDA meeting as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

**Moved** by Whitney and supported by Pomaville to accept the financial report as submitted. All yeas, motion carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

B. UPDATE/LIGHTING OF US 23

Nelson and Gwisdala updated the Board on placement of lights across US 23. Gwisdala stated that Consumers Energy needs to know the tension and sag for the lights before they can engineer the project. Gwisdala stated that a call has been placed to the Bronners Representative for this information. Gwisdala stated that MDOT approval would still be required.

Nelson stated that Consumers has said that no other community has been allowed to place lights across a highway due to the regulations and requirements needed.

Richardson suggested the City look in to placing its own poles along the US 23 corridor. Nelson stated that MDOT would need to be contacted to see if there is a possibility of the City placing its own poles within the right of way.

**Moved** by R. Wiltse and supported by Hadd to direct Nelson to identify the areas along US 23 corridor where the City may be able to erect its own poles for the lighting of US 23. The motion carried.

Whitney asked the Board to consider purchasing a Santa for the Depot with the credit that is at Bronners from the return of the decorations for the power poles. Moniz and Hadd stated that they felt that would make the Depot look to cluttered. R. Wiltse agreed that the Depot did look

fantastic last year, and that the Santa may be too much. King questioned the size of the Santa and how much of a credit the DDA has with Bronners. Nelson stated that he has yet to receive the amount of the credit from Bronners.

**Moved** by Whitney to purchase a Santa from Bronners for the Depot. The motion died for lack of support.

Richardson suggested that the businesses be asked to participate by having them place lighted Christmas trees in front of their business. King suggested that the Art Teacher at Standish Sterling be contacted to see if the trees could be done by the art classes as a project.

Hillman stated that the Chamber of Commerce should also be asked to help with the project. Hadd suggested that a letter be sent to all businesses asking them to participate. R. Wiltse suggested that the Arenac County Independent be asked to do an article on the topic. King said that he would contact the Art Teacher for her input. King questioned how many trees would be needed. Nelson stated he thought a 100 would be enough.

Richardson asked the height of the buildings on Cedar Street stating that if they were tall enough that the board could place something over Cedar Street near the corner. The Board discussed the possibility and thought the best location would be from Cedar Street Hair Designs to Northern District 23. King stated there would need to be an extension placed on the roof of Northern District 23 to allow the placement. Pomaville stated she would contact the owner of Northern District 23 to see if they would allow an extension to be placed on their roof.

C. MURAL PAINTING UPDATE

Nelson stated that he had left a message for Mr. Wyle regarding the preparation of a mural and has not heard back from him. King suggested that the Board consider having a billboard type of wrap done by Ryan Klenk. Moniz stated the cost would probably be less. King stated that he would contact Mr. Klenk for an estimate.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before this Board, move by King and supported by Whitney to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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Peggy Burtch Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Standish