

**Downtown Development Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 5, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:32 am by Chairwoman Westervelt.

Members present: Victoria Devereaux, John Gerber, Joe Kline, Nicole Risch, Kathy Westervelt, Lorie Wille, and Karen Wood,

Members absent: Pam Ginderske

Others Present: Hartmann Aue, Edgar Tithof, Lilly D., & Risch Children

Motion by Devereaux, second by Cornford to accept the agenda with changes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kline, second by Wood to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Motion by Wood, second by Gerber to approve the April D.D.A. minutes without changes. Motion carried.

Aue brought forth a quote for the "Play King," a 51' x 52' structure, with 26 activities, capable use for over 65 children ranging 5 to 12, with two new ADA compliant swings totaling \$146,280. The Saginaw Community Foundation has committed \$50,000 towards this, and the Village budget has \$60,000 dollars towards this endeavor as well. The installation of this structure \$40,000, Aue is wondering if anyone had connections to a company that may volunteer time and effort or a lesser amount, say \$20,000 for installation. Gerber reached out to Bierlein, who then mentioned they are booked up for projects. Aue then asked if the D.D.A. would commit \$36,280 to complete payment for this project should the Parks & Recreation Committee, as well as the Village Council approved of this structure. Motion by Gerber, second by Wille to approve the requested amount with Committee & Council approval. Motion carried.

A façade grant application was received for the Bad River Bar and Grill. The upgrade to the business would total \$6,581, asking for a 50% grant from the D.D.A. in the amount of \$3,290.50 towards planter boxes, arborvitaes, pea gravel, mulch, etc. to spruce up the back door area where 90% of patrons enter. Motion by Wood, second by Cornford. Motion carried with Gerber abstaining.

The D.D.A. received a purchase agreement from the Village attorney to investigate property within the D.D.A. for potential leasing, demolishing, and or business development. Numbers were discussed for potential purchase but nothing was set, just a ball park range, with no definite pricing. Also discussed, potential business ideas for the area during festivals and/or parades.

During public comment, Cornford mentioned that the United State Postal Service (USPS), a federal agency, should have a drive through mail box as the current mailbox is inefficient for most. Others agreed, noting, "especially if you have young children." Aue mentioned the kayak launch head wall will go in next week. Aue will work on the logistics and try to find the most efficient manner to get the planters filled and in the proper locations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 am. Motion by Kline, second by Cornford. Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Hartmann Aue