

**Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 7, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:45 a.m. by Chairwoman Westervelt.

Members present: Kelly Cornford, Victoria Devereaux, Pam Ginderske, Joe Kline, Nicole Risch, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Nannette Pretzer, Kathy Westervelt, and Lorie Wille

Members absent: N/A

Others Present: Hartmann Aue and Edgar Tithof

Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Kline to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Pretzer to approve the May 3, 2024 D.D.A. minutes. Motion carried.

Downtown Development ideas were again discussed and prioritized. A Pickleball court seems best suited to take over one basketball court at Coal Miners' Parks. New, and updated Village signage is a priority to the D.D.A. and they would like to work with Village Council to freshen up and modernize road signs. On top of fresh signage, new signage would be great at 700 Saginaw. Aue is to discuss possible viability of that idea.

The 5 year Parks & Recreation Plan includes a fishing pier at Lumberjack Park. The D.D.A. would like to continue to encourage economic development and business growth by putting 50% towards the new pier. Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Risch. Motion carried.

With the new pier, new play equipment, safer and more compliant will be necessary as well. Aue is to get some quotes, work with the Parks Committee, and Council to add play equipment.

Due to 4th of July events and vacations, the D.D.A. normally cancels the July meeting. Motion by Ginderske, second by Kline to forego the July D.D.A. meeting. Motion carried.

Many Villages, Cities, and Towns are adding Veteran Memorial Banners. The D.D.A. has asked Aue to research the price and adjust the application process template to fit St. Charles.

Old business: The Laser Drone from Sky Elements Drone Shows was tabled last month. Although, it comes with a cost, members of the D.D.A. felt if properly marketed, it could be a huge asset and draw hundreds of people to the Village on a 1-year trial basis. Motion by Rosser-Nesbit, second by Devereaux to give a trial run to the lowest level of drone show. Motion carried.

Dr. Kline commented that he has enjoyed the more energetic, and livelier meetings with the addition of newer members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Motion by Kline, second by Cornford. Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Hartmann Aue