



**ADA TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2025, SEMI-ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

A Semi-Annual Informational Meeting of the Ada Township DDA Board was held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at Ada Township Office, 7330 Thornapple River Dr. SE, Ada MI.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Knapp.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cloutier, Frost, Idema, Knapp, Korth, Turan, Vogl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Coe, Harrison

STAFF AND OFFICIALS PRESENT: DDA Director Austin, Planning Director Said, Township Manager Suchy, Administrative Assistant Buckley, Farmers Market Coordinator Valverde, Chief Murray, Clerk DeMarco, Treasurer Moran

OTHERS PRESENT: 2 members of the public

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Korth, supported by Turan, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation on DDA Events and Projects

Austin stated that Public Act 57 of 2018 stipulates that Downtown Development Authorities hold two informational meetings annually. Informational meetings are meetings held for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year. They are not for the purpose of voting on policy, budgets, or other operational matters. The informational meetings may be held in conjunction with other public meetings of the authority or municipality. Prior to the informational meeting, a notice must be sent out to each taxing jurisdiction that has taxes that are subject to capture by the authority. The Ada Township DDA only captures taxes from Ada Township. All other taxing jurisdictions opted out of the tax capture.

Austin anticipates the second required informational meeting will be held prior to October 20 regularly scheduled meeting.

Austin said he included in the packet a summary of the 2025-26 DDA events and projects. The outline covers what has taken place and what is in process. He briefly went over the series events, meeting dates, projects (tree risk assessment has been completed), contracts, and staff support (recruiting part time summer interns).

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Supervisor Korth shared that he appreciates the job Austin is doing and Turan added that Austin's work on his relations and communication with the DDA members really shows through and it helps a lot.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vogl, supported by Idema, to adjourn the Semi-Annual Informational Meeting at 8:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Coe, DDA Secretary

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