



**REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 18, 2016**  
**BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE DDA OFFICES**  
129 S. Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 5:37.

In attendance: John Schincariol, Mary Lou Hartwell, Cindy Mount, Steve Racette, Roman Plaszczak, Ellyn Jones, Larry Nielsen, Mary Springer (DDA Coordinator)

Guest, Ginger Smietana announced Paw Paw Uncork The Arts event will take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Lake Amphitheater Park. There will be several stage shows as well as art in the park and many activities for children. She asked for DDA in kind support for advertising and promotion. Steve reported that the Courier/Flashes reach 21,000 people. The DDA will no longer offer radio spots but will offer at least 3 print ads, 1 in early June and 2 in July.

**MOTION:** To approve the March 21, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Mary Lou Hartwell  
**SUPPORTED** by Steve Racette. **MOTION CARRIED**

Grants and Loans:

**MOTION:** to approve \$1,500.00 (as per new guidelines) for Cory VanTol- VB Automotive-109 E. Michigan Ave. for windows and façade improvements was made by Mary Hartwell  
**SUPPORTED** by Steve Racette. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to approve \$1,500.00 (as per new guidelines) for John H Tapper Automotive – 429 S. Kalamazoo Street for façade improvements was made by Mary Hartwell **SUPPORTED** by Steve Racette. **MOTION CARRIED**

Ongoing Business:

Larry Nielsen gave an update on the Berkshire project. The project is moving along on schedule. The Shopping center is down. It is expected that the build should take 12 – 14 months. There is a list of those interested in filling out applications for the subsidized (30% of income) senior apartments at Village Hall as the Berkshire cannot take applications before 120 days prior to their opening date.

The Village is moving forward on the new sewer upgrades.

There will be a Waterfront Overlay District presentation at the Library on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.

There has been some interest in the Ben Franklin Building but nothing concrete so far.

There is a meeting scheduled with MSHDA on financing for Downtown 2<sup>nd</sup> floor housing at the Library on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

There was discussion on the monthly budget sheet.

The next DDA meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

**MOTION:** To adjourn was made by Mary Lou Hartwell and **SUPPORTED** by Cindy Mount.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10