

Minutes of the Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority  
Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 7:30 am  
Allendale Charter Hall

DDA Members Present: Adam Elenbaas, Mark Alderink, Jeremy Borgman, Tom Hovingh, Pierce Roon, Bern Scholma, Steve Spriensma, Ross Stevens, Ryan VanderGraaf, Daveid VanderWall, Terry Vissers, Tom Zuniga

Also Present: Bob Chapin

Absent: None

1. Adam gave opportunity for public comment. There was none.
2. Adam introduced the newest DDA member pending board confirmation, Rence Meredith. Rence is the President of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce is also employed at GVSU.
3. A motion was made by Pierce Roon, supported by Jeremy Borgman to approve the November 15, 2016 meeting minutes. **Approved**

A motion was made by Jeremy Borgman, supported by Tom Hovingh to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes. **Approved**

4. The following officers were nominated and elected:  
Tom Hovingh nominated Jeremy Borgman for Chairman supported by Dave VanderWall. **Approved**  
Mark Alderink nominated Adam Elenbaas for Vice Chair supported by Ross Stevens. **Approved**  
Bern Scholma nominated Steve Spriensma for Secretary supported by Ryan VanderGraaf. **Approved**  
Pierce Roon nominated Terry Vissers for Treasurer supported by Ross Stevens. **Approved**
5. The board discussed and agreed upon holding a meeting every other month in 2017. The meeting dates for the rest of the year will be as follows: **May 16, July 18, September 19, and November 21**. All will begin at 7:30 am.
6. Project updates were given. The electrical will be completed for the band shell in April. Also, a new petition is being routed for road paving for 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. North of Lake Michigan Dr. Discussion occurred regarding the sidewalks and a sewer/lift station on 64<sup>th</sup> as well.
7. 2017 Budget items were discussed including 64<sup>th</sup> Ave improvements, the 68<sup>th</sup> Ave. road resurfacing project, and assisting the Chamber of Commerce with the funding for the 2018/2019 Allendale Community Profile Directory. Rence Meredith asked the DDA to financially assist with the funding for the directory like they have in the past. He asked for assistance in the

amount of either \$15,000 (the amount the DDA has contributed in the past) or \$20,000 that will give extra to send to both members and non-members of the Chamber.

Jeremy Borgman made a motion to contribute funding for the Allendale Community Profile Directory for \$15,000 as we have in the past. Terry Vissers supported this motion.

Roll call vote: **Yes**-Elenbaas, Borgman, Modderman, Roon, Scholma, Spriensma, Stevens, Vander Graaf, Vissers **No**-Alderink, Hovingh, Zuniga-**approved**

8. Future business that was discussed include Streetlight projects on Pierce and West Campus, 2017 road resurfacing projects, and 56<sup>th</sup> Ave. lift station.
9. Adam gave opportunity for public comment. Ryan VanderGraaf took the opportunity to discuss the Allendale triathlon and the continued support from the township. Participation has doubled this year from last. This year's race is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16.
10. A motion was made by Alderink to close the meeting, supported by Hovingh. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2017 at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Kowalczyk  
Acting Recording Secretary