

MINUTES
Cascade Charter Township
Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Cascade Library – Wisner Center

ARTICLE 1. Chairman Puplava called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
Members Present: Beahan, DeWitt, Kingsland, Puplava, Ridings, Siegle
Members Absent: Rowland (resigned), Smith (resigned), and Stephan
Others Present: DDA Director Sandra Korhorn, and those listed on the sign in sheet.

ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda.

Motion was made by Member Beahan to approve the Agenda. Supported by Member Ridings. Motion carried 6 to 0.

ARTICLE 3. Approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Meeting.

Motion was made by Member Beahan to approve the Minutes as presented. Supported by Member Kingsland. Motion carried 6 to 0.

ARTICLE 4. Acknowledge visitors and those wishing to speak to non-agenda items.

No one came forward.

ARTICLE 5. Discuss and Consider the Resolution to Dissolve and Close the Account at Lake Michigan Credit Union

Director Korhorn stated that the Deputy Treasurer informed her that to dissolve and close an existing DDA account at Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU), the DDA needs to pass a resolution. The money in that account will be moved to an MI Class investment pool for greater earnings.

Director Korhorn recommends that the DDA pass the resolution authorizing the closure of the LMCU account.

Motion was made by Member Siegle to approve the Resolution Authorizing Dissolution and Closure of the Membership at Lake Michigan Credit Union. Supported by Member DeWitt. Chairman Puplava conducted a roll call. Motion carried 6 to 0.

ARTICLE 6. Discuss and Consider Purchase of 5015 28th Street (Northern Drive).

Director Korhorn stated that she was informed by the Kent County Treasurer that two parcels are available for purchase due to foreclosure for non-payment of the 2015 taxes. Cascade Township has the option to purchase these under the right of first refusal.

The parcel is located at 5015 28th Street, in Cascade Office Park and was created to fix a mistake from the 80's where a sale did not transfer all the land but was not caught until 2013.

Director Korhorn brings forward this request because of the proposed Northern Drive extension project. That project would have made Northern Drive a public street and provided a through street over to Starr, which leads to Patterson Avenue. Purchase of this parcel would bring this project closer to fruition, making improvements and providing easier access along Northern Drive and Cascade Office Park.

This parcel being located on the private drive may make the DDA responsible for some maintenance to the private road prior to the street being converted into a public road. Currently, this is being looked into by the township attorney.

Director Korhorn recommends the purchase of this parcel.

A discussion was held centered mostly around the possible expense of the private road. Many members felt they needed more information concerning the private road expense before coming to a decision. Director Korhorn let the board know that the property goes to tax sale in September.

Motion was made by Member Beahan to table the issue until there is additional information concerning the private road maintenance expense. Supported by Member Ridings. Motion carried 6 to 0.

ARTICLE 7. Discuss Sculpture Pad at Museum Gardens Park

Director Korhorn held a general discussion concerning the sculpture pad. Specifically, keep/buy what is currently there or find something different.

ARTICLE 8. Discuss Thornapple Center - Bus

Director Korhorn held a general discussion concerning the Thornapple Center Bus.

ARTICLE 9. Any Other Business

- a. Update on Marketing Plan
- b. Update on Planning Activities

ARTICLE 10. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Member DeWitt to adjourn. Supported by Member Siegle. Motion carried 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Kingsland, Secretary