

Village of Fife Lake
Downtown Development Authority
April 25, 2023 – Special Meeting –
(posted on village and DDA websites)

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present: Smith, Roesemeier, Patrick, Hempsted, Prebo, Magee, and Forwerck

Absent: Tornow (arrived late)

Others: Ron Broering -Village Zoning Administrator, Gordy Smith

Guest: none

Public Comment: Gordy Smith 630 Pierce Street, discussed ongoing debris in the lake and on the beach. There was discussion on how to address the problems as this has been an ongoing problem for a long time. He asked if the DDA could help with the problem. Forwerck would like to form a committee to look at the debris on the beach and lake to see what could be done. The committee will consist of Hempsted, Magee, and Gordy Smith. Broering could be on if he wants to.

Treasurers report: no report

New Business:

Ron Broering – Village Zoning Administrator, Gave a history on the property at 114 East State Street, saying it has changed hands 3 times in recent years. He said that he talked to John Sykes in Grand Traverse about it. He said if the DDA purchased it would be taken off the tax roll until it was developed then it would go on the tax roll. There was discussion about possibly putting a hotel on the property if purchased. This would consist of tearing down the current structure, Forwerck checked into who the owner was on the property. Smith said she knows the owner of the building and would be happy to check with him to see what his plans were with the building and get back with the information. Broering discussed what the benefits would be if the DDA purchased the property. The existing structure will need to be removed for roughly \$10,000.00 including removal according to Magee. The DDA thought if they purchased the property, they would build a hotel with a small eatery/ coffee shop on the main floor. Roesemeier said that if there was living conditions that are handicapped accessible on the main floor they could capture some money from the state.

Benke discussed the current budget. Forwerck said that the TIF moneys have increased this year. The DDA collected about \$45,000 this year. There was discussion on how to finance this project. DDA board members discussed if the DDA built a nice building possibly other business owners would like to improve outside façades for their businesses.

Rosemeier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Magee at 7:43pm

Respectfully submitted

Marcia Eby

