

## Village of Fife Lake - Downtown Development Authority

### September 20, 2024 – Project(s) Update

1. **Bulletin Board:** Triangle style built of logs with copper roof. Front panel will face sidewalk for easy reading of government postings. Two side panels will feature over 1,500 veteran names. Cement to be put in place for support of legs.
2. **Street Lamps:** DDA has sold twelve lamps at \$300 each which brought in \$3,600. Plaques have been finished by Trophy Trolley. This includes replacement plaques where needed. Bases to be straightened. Will be placed on lamps soon.
3. **Benches:** DDA has sold six benches at \$400 each which brought in \$2,400. Style to be determined. A brass plate recognizing donor will be placed on benches.
4. **Trees:** Nine trees are being planted along State Street and one on Janet Street. Trees were purchased at Barker Creek at 40% discount on three trees (their limit) at their annual Father's Day sale, plus negotiated better price on remaining trees. Tree roots have been dug up. Irrigation systems will be put in place.
5. **Wayfinding Signs:** All businesses in DDA District have been contacted for their color of choice and business name. Completion date this fall.
6. **Entrance Sign:** Working with local professional on sign design. Sign will be located where current welcome sign is by Driver's Choice. This sign will be lighted. Old sign will be removed.
7. **Playground Equipment:** Currently getting a price to update playground equipment or purchase new (at ball park). Grants/funding requests are currently taking place. Slide and swings replacement are priority.
8. **Retaining Walls:** DDA members will meet with a Lakeside Landscaping representative to advise us on replacement of blocks. They are an arm of Central Concrete who supplied original blocks for our streetscape project. A cost estimate to be determined.
9. **DDA Website:** DDA hired a professional to redo our website. We will be linked to other organizations/governmental units. You can pull up our website at [fifelakedda.org](http://fifelakedda.org).
10. **DDA Logo:** DDA is working with our website manager to design a logo.
11. **Building Facades/Marketing:** A DDA committee is developing façade criteria based on Petoskey/Boyne City/Mancelona requirements. Program start anticipated in 2025.
12. **DDA Board:** We now have three businesses owners serving on our board along with two members who own property in the DDA District, P.A. 197 of 1975 requirement.
13. We have a vacant position on the board which expires in 2026.  
**DDA Board meets the third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 616 Bates Street.**  
**All meetings are open to the public.**