

## Village of Fife Lake - Downtown Development Authority

### December 27, 2024 – Project(s) Update\*

1. **Bulletin Board:** Triangle style built of logs with copper roof. Front panel will feature government/organization information. Two panels will feature veteran names. In spring concrete be placed around circular base for ease of viewing.
2. **Street Lamps:** DDA sold twelve lamps at \$300 each which brought in \$3,600. Plaques have been finished by Trophy Trolley. This includes replacement plaques where needed. Many plaques have been put on bases.
3. **Benches:** DDA sold eight benches at \$400 each which brought in \$3,200. The benches are in the DDA barn and will be installed in the spring. A donor plate will be placed on each bench.
4. **Trees:** Nine trees have been planted along State Street and one on Janet Street. Irrigation systems will be put in place (where needed) in the spring.
5. **Wayfinding Signs:** All businesses in DDA District picked their sign color. Completed.
6. **Entrance Sign:** Working with local professional on carving this sign. Sign will be located where current welcome sign is and old sign will be removed.
7. **Playground Equipment:** Grants/requests are currently taking place. Slide and swing replacement are top priority.
8. **Retaining Walls:** Landscape representative advised us on replacement of blocks. Upper blocks will be replaced. Project anticipated in 2025.
9. **DDA Website:** DDA hired a professional to redo our website. Go to [fifelakedda.org](http://fifelakedda.org).
10. **DDA Logo:** A new logo has been designed, it will be on our website soon.
11. **Building Facades/Marketing:** A DDA committee is developing façade criteria based on Petoskey/Boyne City/Mancelona requirements. Program start is anticipated in 2025.
12. **DDA Board:** We now have four business owners serving on our board along with two members who own property in the DDA District. This brings our DDA into compliance with the requirement of P.A. 57 of 2018, which states a majority of members must have an interest in the DDA district. Our DDA consists of a nine member board.
13. **Winter Banners:** Some are on display, the rest will soon be put up.
14. **\*Christmas Decorations:** Terry and Mike did work on a cold, bitter day to put up what lights and banners they could before Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, winter storms and shortness of DPW staff interfered with placing decorative lights on all of the street lamps. While this was a disappointment to many, the Chamber of Commerce did put up a Christmas Tree and lights making our downtown more festive. Kudos to the CofC.