

Village of Fife Lake
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: Present: Tornow, Aldridge, Patrick, Forwerck, and Deeren

Absent: Johnson(excused), Benke(excused) Blazak and Armstrong

Others: Eby- Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Patrick to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tornow. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Patrick to approve the minutes of January 21st, 2025, as presented, seconded by Aldridge. **Motion carried** with all yeas

Treasurers Report: Benke was not available to give a report. Forwerck said that Benke has a proposal for stationery and business cards. Forwerck said ½ of the bill for the benches for Pierce Street Park has been paid. They have arrived and are in the storage shed.

Communication: none

Public Comment: none

New Business

Annual Report: Council has it in their packet

2025/2026 Budget: Council has set up a special meeting to address the DDA budget on March 6th at 6:30pm. This will be a joint meeting between the DDA and Council.

Year end Bills: The remaining balance for the playground equipment is \$25,000.00. Aldridge said that the excavation was going to be about \$4,400.00. She said that Mark Magee will do the excavation cheaper.

DDA information to Chamber of Commerce: not covered

Old Business

Pierce Street Park Disc Golf: no information on the Disc Golf Tournament as Benke was not present to give report.

Facade Program: The budget covers up to five businesses that will be able to participate. Aldridge is planning on going to the businesses on April 1st. The applications need to be ready by mid-April. All the businesses need to be approached. Forwerck would like Aldridge to have a report by the next meeting. The Facade Committee members are Aldridge, Benke, Patrick and Johnson.

DDA Logo: The logo needs to be mailed to Vintage Printing and to Will who manages the website.

Stationary, Business Cards: not discussed

Pierce Street Park benches: This was discussed earlier.

Wayfinding signs: As soon as the weather permits the Wayfinding signs will be started

Playground Equipment: Discussed earlier

Bulletin Board: The bulletin board will be finished in the spring. The veteran's names and the section for postings will be done at that time. There was talk on including the Legion with a ceremony when completed.

Welcome sign carvings and roof: Blazak was not present to give an update.

Make 24/25 Transfers in March: The budget transfers will be done next month to see where we are. Currently all the bills are up to date.

Public comment: none

Board Comment: Forwerck commented on the action the council made last night about the US131 decision. The concern was what the Explore131North budget looks like. Forwerck said she looked at it and felt that all the questions were answered based on the handout from the township in which they had concerns. Deeren -Village President said if she could get the information, she could revisit it next month at the council meeting. Forwerck said that on March 4th and 5th is an Advocacy Day and Spring workshop, that is put on by the Michigan Downtown Association. This is an opportunity to meet your state representatives in Lansing. The annual conference put on by the Michigan Township Association will be in the first part of November in Rochester. The MDA spring conference is in June and will be held in Traverse City.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcia Eby