



**Grant Township – Copper Harbor DDA**  
DDA Meeting Minutes  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 6:00 pm  
Grant Township Community Center  
220 Gratiot Street Copper Harbor, MI 49918  
Phone: (906) 289-4292

**Meeting called to order at 6:03pm**

**Roll Call**

**Present** - Don Kauppi, Ed Tulppo, Art Davis, Alex Protzel, Kirk Filsinger, Scott Ochodnicki, and Scott Wendt as Township Supervisor (would be tie-break vote)

**Absent** - Mike Musiel

**Zoom** (remote is absent from voting) - Greg Mielcarz

**Motion to Approve 3/1/2022 Agenda** – put forward by Don K, seconded by Ed T, third by Scott O., all in favor, Motion carries 6-0-0

**Motion to Approve January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Meeting Minutes** – put forward by Ed T, seconded by Scott O, all in favor, Motion carries 6-0-0

**Treasurer’s Report** – DDA Fund Balance is \$77,253.48

**Old Business Discussion**

- DDA Board membership recruitment, opening posted online, several interested
- Board Member terms to be clarified and updated to meet State guidelines

**Motion to recommend 4 of 5 new possible DDA Board Members (Staci Gibson, Dan Wiersgalla, Gregory Paul Lis, Sam Raymond) to the GT Board** – put forward by Alex P, seconded by Art D, third by Scott O, all in favor, Motion carries 6-0-0

- Letter of Appreciation for Jeff ‘Gilly’ Gilmore for 12 years of service as DDA Chair, read by Scott O
- DDA budget discussion for fiscal year 2022-2023

**Motion to approve DDA budget for fiscal year 2022-23 and send to the GT Board for final approval** – put forward by Art D, seconded by Ed T, Scott O aye, Don K aye, Alex P aye, Kirk F aye, all in favor, Motion carries 6-0-0 – Mike M and Greg M absent

- Don K's 9<sup>th</sup> Street parking proposal – Scott O has updated the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Committee, to be reviewed by the Committee at next meeting
- ADA accessibility/updates to Community Center building and Donny Kilpela Memorial Park planning continues
- New efforts to improve mobile communications in the area:  
[www.CommunityTaskForce.com](http://www.CommunityTaskForce.com)

**New Business**

- [CH.DDA@granttownshipmi.org](mailto:CH.DDA@granttownshipmi.org) is the new Copper Harbor DDA e-mail address

**Public Comment Period** - None

**Motion to adjourn** – put forward by Scott O, seconded by Ed T, all in favor, Motion carries 6-0-0

**Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm**

*Vote tallies recorded in Meeting Minutes as Aye/Yes - Nah/No - Abstain  
(Absent excluded from tally)*