

Charter Township of Filer DDA

Regular Meeting

Proposed Minutes

October 3, 2023
4:30pm

Filer Township Offices
2111 Nelson Street, Manistee, MI 49660
231-723-3138

Chair	Vice-Chair	Treasurer	Supervisor	Member	Member	Member	Member	Member	Director
Robert Yates	Tom Chycinski	Kathy Gutowski	Terry Walker	Kyle Gurzynski	Al Frye	Mathew Johnson	Bhavik Patell	Vacant	Tamara Buswinka

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Yates at 4:30p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Yates, Walker, Gurzynski, Patell, Chycinski

Members Excused Absence: Johnson, Gutowski, Frye

Members Unexcused Absence:

Others Present: Buswinka

Consent Agenda

No consent agenda items.

Consideration of the Minutes

Walker moved, supported by Gurzynski, to approve the September 7, 2023 minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Walker moved, supported by Gurzynski, to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorizes Walker to post the checks upon verification of the two Filer Township utility bills and the Consumers Energy bill.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

No Report.

Supervisor's Report

No report.

Director's Report

See attached report.

Walker moved, supported by Patell, to accept the Shine proposal to decorate the 35 foot evergreen tree at the corner of Merkey and US31 for the holidays. Roll Call Vote: Yay;Gurznski, Yay;Patell, Yay;Walker, Yay;Yates, Yay;Chycinski. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Comments

Public Comment

Adjournment

Gurznski moved, supported by Walker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Al Frye, DDA Secretary

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 4:30pm. A meeting informational packet is available for public inspection at the Filer Township office, 2505 Filer City Road. The Filer Township DDA does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The DDA Chairperson has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disability Act, and the rights provided thereunder, are available from the DDA

DDA Director Report

October 2023

Hamlet:

A meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2023 with Geerlings Development to discuss the financing options that the Township Board and DDA Board discussed at their special meeting in September. I have spoken to Jason Balaban and his team numerous times this month to answer questions and bounce ideas around on how they can utilize the Hamlet project as a catalyst for developing their property. They may join the Oct. 6 meeting via phone. Regarding facilitating participation at

meetings, both Dr. Balaban and Geerlings Development has requested that the Township investigate investing in technology that allows for remote participation. They are even willing to provide expertise, but have not indicated that they will pay for the technology or service.

Holiday Lighting:

The DDA is looking to continue their tradition of decorating for the holidays. After much investigation the DDA is presented with two proposals to decorate the privately owned 35 foot tree on the corner of Merkey and US31.

Submitted by:
Tamara Buswinka, DDA Director