

**RECORD OF  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET  
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE  
12th DAY OF JUNE 2025  
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

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**I. Meeting called to order by Swander 8:30 AM**

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Swander, Pettyjohn, Huber, LaFontaine, Teeter, Podjaske,  
Millikin, Wheeler

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Charity Niederer (GRCOC) and various members of the public.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**25-025**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Teeter to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.**

**Motion Carried.**

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**A. DDA/GMS Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 8th, 2025, as  
presented**

**25-026**

**Moved by Teeter, seconded by LaFontaine to approve the regular meeting  
minutes for Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.**

**Motion Carried.**

**VI. Treasurer Report**

Last month of the fiscal year with no recent changes.

## **VII. City Manager Report**

Podjaske explained about the grants he is applying for. EGLE would like us to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> well. City Council sold a small piece of land to Knight and the Sawmill Lofts have started on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. He was contacted by Meijer regarding putting a store in Grayling; however, they need 25 acres. The area that was in question does not have enough acreage.

## **VIII. Joint Administrator Update**

Charity Niederer provided updates for events and Farmers Market information that she is posting.

## **IX. Unfinished Business – DDA**

### **A. Summer Block Party**

Huber spoke with the board regarding when they would be notifying the public if the event needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The consensus was that based on the weather forecast it will need to be cancelled and posted on social media by 9am.

### **B. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Pettyjohn updated that he has sent out registration forms. He will need Charity's help with the numbers for the line-up. He would like to plan a work session on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. He also mentioned meeting with Brock and Amanda about the parade route.

### **C. Open Board Seat**

Pettyjohn spoke about the open board seat and would like the vacancy posted on the city website for at least 2 weeks.

## **X. New Business – DDA**

### **A. Veterans Banner Program**

Swander and Pettyjohn explained how the program originated and the lack of volunteers to continue the program and still give it the attention that it needs. There are several brackets that are broken and in need of replacement in order to hang the banners that they currently have. Barbara Stoddard provided input on the social media response that she has received since posting about the ending of the program. It was suggested by the board that the program could be continued if there were volunteers that would be willing to lead the program. The board could share any information that they have with a potential program leader. It was suggested that a partnership with the American Legion or Camp Grayling could

be helpful. The board invited her to attend the next work session for further discussion.

## **B. GPA Flowers**

**25-027**

Millikin explained that there is an invoice for the flowers that were planted downtown. The board had previously indicated to GPA that it would pay 50% of the cost of the flowers.

**Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Millikin to approve the payment of 50% of the flower invoice (\$944).**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.**

**Motion Carried.**

## **XI. MEMBER REPORTS**

- A. Wheeler: No additional comments.
- B. Millikin: No additional comments.
- C. Huber: No additional comments.
- D. Pettyjohn: Need parade registrations.
- E. Swander: No additional comments.
- F. Podjaske: No additional comments.
- G. Teeter: No additional comments.
- H. LaFontaine: No additional comments.

## **XII. Community Meetings Update**

### **A. CCEDP (Crawford County Economic Development Program)**

Podjaske indicated that Yoder had gone to the meeting. There is some interest in putting in a data center just south of the SAAB project.

### **B. Historical Museum**

They are open.

### **C. GPA**

Millikin indicated that “Shop Grayling” discount books are available.

### **D. Rotary**

Huber indicated that Pettyjohn spoke at the last Rotary meeting and that the Black Bear Gran Fondo race will be on July 11, 2025. There is also a Polio Ride planned.

**E. Chamber of Commerce**

Millikin spoke about River Fest and the overwhelming response of vendors for the craft show and food trucks. They have added more spaces and are currently sold out with a waiting list. There are donation boxes for fireworks.

**F. Camp Grayling**

Pass In Review is tomorrow.

**XIII. Public Comment**

None.

**XIV. Correspondence**

None.

**XV. Adjournment**

**25-028**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Teeter to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.**

**Motion Carried.**

Swander adjourned the meeting at 9:42 AM