



## Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority

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### MEETING MINUTES

**April 16, 2018 • 5:30 p.m.**

DDA Office at the Carnegie Center  
129 S. Kalamazoo St. Paw Paw

**Call to order** - Meeting was called to order of the Paw Paw Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 pm by Board Chair Mary Lou Hartwell.

**In attendance** – Mary Lou, Joe Romph, Susan Metzger, Roman Plasczack, Cindy Mount, Barbara Carpenter, Steve Racette, Ellyn Jones

**Absent** – Sid Shank, Harold Schuitmaker,

**No Guests**

**A MOTION** was made by Mary Lou and **SUPPORTED** by Susan Metzger to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Board meeting as with revisions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Grant and Loan Approvals**

**A MOTION** was made by Steve Racette and **SUPPORTED** by Cindy Mount to approve a grant of \$1,500.00 to Amy & Casey Sons for repair and renovation to the front façade of the Strand Theatre, property at 115 E. Michigan Ave., **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION** was made by Steve Racette and **SUPPORTED** by Roman Plasczack to approve a grant of \$1,500.00 to Keith Dorgan and Holly Hamilton for historic window replacement for H2 Designs, property at 148 E. Michigan Ave., **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion of Linda Tyria's resignation from the board due to the closing of Old National Paw Paw Branch. Two assignments were made to the Grant Committee to replace Linda Tyria and Mark Bahnson. Susan Metzger and Ellyn Jones.

### **Ongoing Business**

#### **Committee and Staff Reports**

**Village Manager's Report** – Barton Group Contract expires end of May. Discussion of Barbara Carpenter updating available properties and targeting bridal salons (as well as other businesses) for the Hallmark building. Decision was made to end the Contracts with the Bartons.

**Chamber Report** –

**Coordinator's Report** – Mary gave the staff report. Attached.

#### **New Business** –

There was discussion of Mathew Days request that the DDA consider partnering with the booster's club with a project to place banners in the downtown with photos of High School seniors (See Attachment). It was decided that this request was more of a Village Council decision and there was some concern about being connected to the use of the controversial Redskin mascot. There is a cost for them to be put up and taken down by DPS, Hardware (arms) uncertainty about whether the size of arms currently owned by the DDA/Village are the right size. Some were not sure about them through the downtown but thought near the schools might be a better location. Questions about which students would be honored and if all seniors were honored what kind of numbers that would be.

Barbara Carpenter read a letter from Brenda Atkinson regarding a loan she had taken out with the DDA/Village.

#### **Member Comments** –

**Adjournment** – 6:51

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