



Minutes

Board of Directors

Grand Haven Main Street

May 12, 2022

City Hall, 519 Washington Ave

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Cara Galbavi at 7:04 a.m.

Present: Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes (via ADA ZOOM), Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Dave Garland, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Cathy McNally, Kristin Hibbard

Absent: Carolyn Taylor

Also Present: Jeremy Swiftney, Jim Patterson, Elks Lodge, Rick Boyink, Exalted Leader of Elks Lodge Pat McGinnis

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Jim Patterson, Elks Lodge and Rick Boyink, Exalted Leader of Elks Lodge, would like to have fees waived at the Elks Lodge for outdoor dining in 2022, a total of \$1,700. He highlighted various community based activities sponsored by the Elks.

Approval of the Consent and Regular Agenda

Motion by Sharon Behm, second by Joyce Workman, to approve the regular and Consent Agendas.

Yes: Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes (via ADA ZOOM), Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Dave Garland, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Kristin Hibbard

Abstain: Cathy McNally

Motion carries

Consent Agenda

- Minutes from March 10th Board Meeting
- Current Financial Records
- Approval of the L4029 Millage Rates for 2022/2023 Tax Year

Motion by Garland, to approve the consent agenda, second by Sharon Behm.



Yes: Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes (via ADA ZOOM), Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Dave Garland, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Kristin Hibbard

Abstain: Cathy McNally

Motion Carries

Coast Guard Festival – Request of Social District Closure

Jeremy reported that the Festival Board has asked that the Social District be rendered closed during the Coast Guard Festival while the Carnival is operating, Monday August 1 – Saturday August 6. Jeremy spoke to operators at Anna's House, Odd Side, Kirby, Long Road and Armory. All opposed the Coast Guard Festival request to close the Social District during these days except Anna's House.

Sharon informed the members that the Board requested this to promote a family friendly theme during the event.

Members shared their thoughts and ideas about whether the MSDDA should or should not recommend a closure during Coast Guard Festival. Crowd size, refuse generation, sign plan, retailer's ability to sell beverages and other impacts should be considered.

Motion by Todd Anthes, to support restaurant stakeholders and recommend that Social District remain open during Coast Guard Festival, second by Dave Garland.

Yes: Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes (via ADA ZOOM), Todd Hancock, Andy VanderHoek, Dave Garland, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Kristin Hibbard, Joyce Workman

No: Sharon Behm

Abstain: Cathy McNally

Motion Carries

Snowmelt Cost Estimates from Winter of 2021/2022

Executive Committee does not recommend approval of including interest charge from BLP to stakeholders. The total cost for 2021-2022 was \$126,076. Interest on snowmelt investment in 2021 – 2022 was \$21,921. The BLP remains unpaid for the cost of their decision to convert the energy supply from coal to natural gas.

Motion by Todd Anthes to recommend the interest fees charged by BLP in 2021-2022 not be included in the cost allocation, second by Bob Warren.



Yes: Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes (via ADA ZOOM), Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Dave Garland, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Kristin Hibbard

Abstain: Cathy McNally

Motion Carries

Paid Parking Discussion/Direction

Cara advised that her recollection of what occurred in 2019 was a motion to continue the discussion, not to support the plan as presented at that time. The Recruitment and Retention Committee would like clarification of the Board's position on paid parking downtown today. Pat gave a brief background of how the issue has evolved over the years. Todd and Cathy commented on the proposed uses of funds – are we talking about building resources for future parking capacity or to relieve General Fund?

Members discussed a survey that was conducted by Doug Vance, Copper Post owner, about retailer preferences about paid parking. He asked a question of whoever was in the store "do you support paid parking downtown?" Responses were overwhelmingly opposed to paid parking, but the method and approach are not a valid nor reliable measurement tool.

The Board was comfortable with asking the Recruitment and Retention Committee to continue discussing possible impacts and offering advice to the Board.

Director's Report

Recreational Marijuana Survey

Jeremy is conducting a survey on attitudes in the district about recreational marijuana. We are not asking opinions outside of the district – only business owners, residents and building owners in the district will be responding to the survey.

Pat reported on a plan to apply for funding for the preservation of the 1870 Grand Trunk Depot. Jeremy will be out next week at a conference. He will be back by Thursday, May 19.

Chair's Report

MSDDA is in Urban Street and The Pipe, two very sharp print publications currently in wide circulation.

Cara expressed regret that Pat will be taking a job in Portage and he will be missed.

The Board wished Todd Anthes Happy Birthday!

Call to Audience/Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on June 9, 2022, at City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue.