



Downtown Development Authority

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**THOMAS TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THOMAS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
8215 SHIELDS DRIVE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

Members Present:

F. Gray
D. Duclos
R. Weise
R. Kretz

Others Present:

R. Taylor, Township Manager
D. Sika, Community Development Director
A. Bicigo, Planning/Zoning Asst.
T. Schomaker, Farmers Market Master

Absent:

M. Wenglikowski
L. Husen
K. Kolbe
L. McCoy
S. Goward

Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. There were not enough members present to form a quorum, so no official action was taken. Discussion took place regarding the agenda items presented.

New Business:

A. Thomas Township Farmers Market Banners

Taylor Schomaker presented the designs, costs, and dates to the board for an Over the Road Banner and six Vertical Banners to promote the Farmers Market. R. Taylor suggested adding four more vertical banners at the corner of River and Gratiot, in addition to the four at Miller and Gratiot, and the two near Van Wormer and Gratiot. The board members in attendance were in favor of ordering the banners. The order will be placed pending final approval at the next meeting. The DPW will install and remove the banners as part of their normal schedule, so there will be no additional cost to have them put up and taken down.

B. Memo to DDA Requesting funding support for the Community Park

Russ gave an update on the progress of the ongoing campus construction. As part of this, he presented the option to the DDA to provide funding for a portion of the playground. The playground will be made up of three “pods” of different equipment targeted at different age groups of children, with various other equipment mixed in. Funding will come from various sources, including Kiwanis, the TTBA, and with approval the DDA, among others. The plan is to install the equipment through a community volunteer effort. The members in attendance supported the plan.

C. Approve Over the Road Banner Calendar

The members in attendance supported the proposed Over the Road Banner Calendar, with the addition of the dates for the Farmers Market Banner.

D. Approve Vertical Banner Calendar

The members in attendance supported the proposed Vertical Banner Calendar, with the addition of the dates for the Farmers Market Banners.

E. Approve 2024 Meeting Dates

The four members present were in support of the dates presented.