

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
APRIL 2, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Chairperson Jim MacPhee at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairperson Jim MacPhee, Rob Swarts, Rich Peart, Loren Warfield, Dale Miller, Jim Stamper, and Deb Reynolds.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Faith Akert.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Peart, seconded by Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2009, as presented. All aye.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion took place regarding the following items:

- Decorative Banners
- School signs on Grand Street.
- Revised 2009 Meeting Schedule
- Board Member Solicitation.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz will provide additional information to the DDA regarding placement of directional school signs on Grand Street at the August 6, 2009, DDA meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The YTD Revenue and Expenditure Report was discussed.
- b) Loren Warfield inquired about the status of the Phase II and III Streetscape Projects. He asked if the board would be interested in moving forward on one or both phases.

Motion by Warfield, seconded by MacPhee to allocate up to \$5,000.00 for a conceptual plan for Phase II and III to be conducted by MC Smith. All aye.

- c) Loren Warfield had the following comments:
- He provided information to the DDA regarding the Eliza Street Reconstruction Project, and thanked Village Manager Cheri Lutz for securing grant monies for this project.
  - He provided an update regarding the status of the proposed sanitary sewer project.
  - He informed the DDA Board that the Village Election will be held in September, and that there will be several open seats on the Village Council.
  - He stated that the Village Council provides excellent Boardsmanship, and that they understand that they set policy and that the manager implements policy and runs the day to day operations of the Village.
- d) Chairperson Jim MacPhee had the following comments:
- He stated that is has been a great relief in the Village to have no more turmoil on the Village Council, and stated that past councils had created a great deal of embarrassment for the community.
  - He stated that councils need to look past their own personal agenda items, and look to what is best for the community.
  - He acknowledged Loren Warfield for his leadership skills, and commended the Village of Schoolcraft for the work that has been accomplished over the past few years.
  - He expressed his appreciation to the Village Manager who has worked hard to provide a greater level of professionalism, and that is a pleasure to read only positive media articles about the Village of Schoolcraft.
- e) Rich Peart stated his appreciation for the excellent work of the DPW, particularly with regard to snow removal.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Recording Secretary

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Jim MacPhee, Chairperson