

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2018

- A. Call to Order: 7:03pm
- B. Present: Griffith, Horton, Iaquinto, J Secrist, Kabisch , Olney, Chockley. Absent with notice: Forrester, Wilbur. Also, present: C Secrist, Meza-Wilson
- C. Call to the Public: Ben Meza-Wilson is a student and business owner. Ben's family has a chocolate business out of the family's home and are looking for a new place. Whitmore Lake is a possible place they would consider.
- D. Minutes from July 23, 2018 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as presented – Chockley, Supported-J Secrist Motion Passed
- E. Financial Report: Report was incorrect, missing amount carried forward. Tabled until September
- F. New Business
 - 1. Ben Meza-Wilson also shared a student project that would stem from his class at UofM. He explained the class works on real business projects that the students turn around and giving results to the customer. He is interested in working on a project in our downtown area. He will present this project to the professor for approval then the professor would coordinate with the Township. The DDA board encouraged him to proceed. Olney will keep in touch with Ben.
- G. Supervisor's Update. Chockley shared her continued work on the sewer expansion project and the importance of getting the sewer issues solved.
- H. Old Business
 - 1. Calendar of Events
 - i. Trunk-A-Palooza is September 16 from 1-4 at the Northfield Community Park. Flyers are being posted around town and is being shared on Facebook. There will be a Taco Truck selling food. We will use the leftover card board trash cans and bags from last year's Trunk or Treat event that Tim Saville is storing.
 - ii. Trunk or Treat on October 28th (rain or shine). Olney and Forrester will work on a flyer. Kabisch and Iaquinto offered to help where needed.
 - 2. Trash Cans discussion will be postponed for now. Community Rec committee discussed funding the permanent cans and are working to get their funds back in place.
 - 3. Anchor Bench refurbishing. Griffith isn't having any luck with finding someone to refurbish the benches. A few DDA members had a few ideas and would report back.
 - 4. Bids for 75 Barker. There are 2 bids ranging from \$5600-5800. Township Board needs to decide what to do with the building. DDA is still willing to assist with the cost if the Township Board will allow them to manage the property.
- I. Next DDA Meeting: September 10th and regular September 24th meeting.
- J. Adjourned at 8:35pm. Motioned by Iaquinto, Supported by Kabisch. Motion passed