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**Gratiot Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Clinton  
Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Minutes**

DDA Vice Chair Carolyn called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Members Present: Carolyn Dorian, Jim Johnson, Peter Thomas, Canetha Armour-Porter, Donna Sassin, Cyd Lucas, Mario Lavinio. **A quorum was present.**

Also present was Clinton Township Economic Development Director Brandon Jonas and Clinton Township Board of Trustee Mike Keys.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021 was made by Thomas and seconded by Armour-Porter. Motion approved.

**Approval of Vouchers:**

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Johnson and seconded by Armour-Porter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Police Report:** None

**Financial Report:** ED Director discussed the DDA Estimated Budget for the next three years and major anticipated expenses.

**Fundraising Event:** Economic Development Director discussed fundraising options and gave a PowerPoint on a Food Truck Rally. DDA board discussed having Clinton Township only restaurant food trucks and expressed concerns allowing outside food trucks with local businesses struggling due to covid. Discussion was tabled till future DDA meetings. Brandon also discussed having businesses adopt a potted plant.

**DDA Goals:** After discussion, the major concerns for board members were landscaping and raising money.

**Landscaping:** Brandon discussed a contract extension with Excel Landscaping LLC. DDA Board members expressed concerns and made a motion to ask the Township Board of Trustees to amend its original Façade Grant Program allocation from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and allow DDA board members to have the ability to decide if that allocation will go toward Façade Grant Program or Landscaping. The DDA board also asked the Economic Development Director to go out to bid for new Landscaping bids in a 2-3 week request timeline.

**Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership:** Mike Keys discussed benefits of MCEP program.

**Other Business:** Brandon would inform DDA Board to any MDOT designs for Gratiot Ave. DDA Board also instructed Brandon to look into DDA checking account from 2018 and asked to start having in person meeting starting in April.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dorian seconded by Armour-Porter. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

*Brandon Jonas*

Submitted by DDA Liaison Brandon Jonas