CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

DDA Board: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Rick Campioni, Janet Johnston, Nathan McParlan, Lorri Oikarinen, Andrew Ranville, Rob Tarvis, Courtney Tucker, Jason Wickstrom; DDA Administrator Megan Haselden

Present: Chair L'Esperance; Members Johnston, McParlan, Ranville, Oikarinen, Wickstrom, Tarvis, Campioni, Tucker (*arrived 9:15am)

Absent:

Also Present from the village:

Present from the public: MSC Director Jared Howard; 3 members of the public

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:00am with roll call and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*

III. Approval of Agenda
Tarvis moved, supported by Wickstrom to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 8/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of July 13, 2026 Rob/Janet
Tarvis moved, supported by Johnston, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried 8/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business
1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission *(Haselden)*
Tarvis updated regarding the Council business; Haselden updated regarding the HDC & PC.
2. Main Street Calumet Update *(Howard)*
Howard updated re: Pasty Fest, which has grown from last year to 60+ vendors. Big Annie statue unveiling Saturday, August 22nd, Trunk or Treat location may shift, more to come. Mural project is going very well – 4 large panels that will be placed in downtown.
3. District Updates
    i. DDA Properties
    No updates.
    ii. District property sales / transitions *(Haselden)*
    None.
4. Project Updates
    i. District Security Camera Project

**Tucker arrived 9:16am*

Wickstrom provided background for the project and explained that the security system that is proposed would be a closed loop system. Tarvis explained this has been an ongoing discussion from business owners and property owners to mitigate vandalism and theft at the park and that it would be helpful to have if there were an accident or fire, as opposed to relying on privately owned cameras at businesses. Wickstrom explained that this system is not Flock – it does have anything to do with the Flock Company – this footage is not shared, even if MSP had access to it, MSP does not share footage and that the footage is only stored for a period of time. Discussion with board requesting that Haselden still apply for

the MI Par Plan grant and the DDA will table until a later date, at which time, if the board chooses to move forward, it will be sent to the Village Council for approval.

ii. Ruppe Building
Howard updated that there another volunteer clean-out was completed. Haselden inquired about the funds at Keweenaw Community Foundation, and pending grant application.

iii. Agassiz Park *(L'Esperance)*

1. Pavilion Bathroom
Update on interior project, the bathrooms will be open for Pasty Fest weekend.
2. Pavilion Roof
Discussion – Haselden to post RFP for 2-week period – DDA will call a special meeting once that period is up.
3. Park Plan

**Oikarinen left at 9:50am*

L'Esperance updated re: needs for park plan and working with KNHP on the starting a plan. Recreation Committee to add park plan to group.

iv. DDA Grant Program *(Haselden)*
McParlan moved, supported by Ranville to approve reallocating $1,000 from the DDA Grant Program budget line to Public Spaces and Improvement budget line.
Roll Call
Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, L'Esperance, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker, Wickstrom
Nays:
Absent: Oikarinen

Motion Carried 8/0

5. DDA Plan Update

i. DDA Plan Committee *(L'Esperance, Tucker, Wickstrom)*
Survey will go live this week and will be shared at Pasty Fest and the Farmers Market on 8/22 and looking for a member to host a date in September. Haselden to order a few bound copies of the current DDA Plan to share. L'Esperance, Tucker and Foster attended an MDA Conference in Marquette on 8/6 – shared updates including putting top goals on every DDA Agenda; share any DDA successes via social media and newsletter. Crowdfund for projects to get community engagement and involvement.

ii. Recreation Plan Committee (*L'Esperance, Howard, Haselden)*
Survey launching this week and will be shared at Pasty Fest and Farmer's Market.

iii. Beautification Volunteer Group
August 17th @ 6:00pm in Council Chambers – L'Esperance shared the list of plants that were put into the greenspace – we are hoping that this volunteer group takes off and continues with master gardener projects.

VI. New Business

1. Downtown Streetlight Pollution Solution (*Ranville)*

Ranville shared information regarding light pollution and our streetlights – Ranville to work with Haselden to research some solutions.

2. DDA Board Appointments for 4-Year Terms Ending August 2030:
   i. Rick Campioni
   ii. Nathan McParlan
   iii. Lorri Oikarinen
   iv. Janet Johnston

   Ranville moved, supported by Wickstrom, to recommend to Council to reappoint Campioni, McParlan, Johnston for 4-year terms. Oikarinen provided a letter of resignation.

   Motion Carried 8/0

3. DDA Officers' Term Ending August 2027:
   i. Chairperson
   ii. Vice Chair
   iii. Treasurer
   iv. Secretary

   Tarvis moved, supported by Tucker to keep the Officer selection from prior year, with L'Esperance as Chair, Ranville as Vice Chair, Tucker as Treasurer and Campioni as Secretary.

   Motion Carried 8/0

4. Budget Review / Budget Amendments
   Ranville moved, supported by Campioni, to increase Community Garden Fees to $280 from $0; Beautification to $6,500 from $5,000; Memberships and Trainings to $750 from $500; Public Programming to $7,500 from $7,000; Public Spaces & Improvements to $32,500 from $25,000.

   Roll Call
   Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, L'Esperance, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker, Wickstrom
   Nays:
   Absent: Oikarinen

   Motion Carried 8/0

5. Approval of Bills / Transaction Report

   Tarvis moved, supported by Johnston to approve the bills/transaction report.

   Roll Call
   Yeas: Campioni, Johnston, L'Esperance, McParlan, Ranville, Tarvis, Tucker, Wickstrom
   Nays:
   Absent: Oikarinen

   Motion Carried 8/0

VII. Comments from the Public *(members of the public have 5 minutes to speak)*

Community member shared feedback on the Flock system and that they are not interested in having Flock up here. Questioned whether this is a security system for private buildings or public – encouraged the board to be community centric first and be proactive as opposed to reactive. Recommended passing a moratorium on ALPR – automatic license plate reader. Wickstrom confirmed that ALPR is not part of this closed system.

VIII. Adjourn

Ranville moved, supported by Tucker to adjourn the meeting at 10:34am.

Motion Carried 8/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator