CALUMET VILLAGE DDA MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026, 9:00 AM
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL, 340 SIXTH STREET

Present: Chair Nikki L'Esperance; Members Tarvis, Tucker, Johnston, Ranville, Wickstrom, McParlan *(*arrived at 9:35 am*; DDA Administrator Megan Haselden
Absent: Member Campioni
Also Present from the village:
Present from the public: Jared Howard *(*arrived at 9:30am)*

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

L'Esperance called the meeting to order at 9:01am 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 with the addition of Item 1. TV-6 Around Town under New Business.

Motion Carried 6/0

IV. Review and approve meeting minutes of September 14, 2026

Ranville moved, supported by Tarvis, to approve the minutes with the correction of the date in the header to September 14, 2026.

Motion Carried 6/0

V. Unfinished / Revolving Business

1. Updates from Village Council, Historic District Commission, Planning Commission *(Tarvis/Haselden)*

   Haselden & Tarvis provided updates including blight enforcement, Master Plan update and November elections.

2. Main Street Calumet Update *(Howard)*

   Howard shared information for Trunk R' Treat on October 24th including a concert at the Keweenaw Heritage Center, games in the Greenspace and closing the 300 block of 5th Street. Ladies Day Out is scheduled for November 12th and a final deadline for businesses to sign up the Monday prior to the event – so far, several businesses have signed up. HCLBA request to level/grade the Fire Site was made

and is awaiting final approval. Community gardens will be dug up and ready for transition in the next few weeks. The future location and rental fees for the gardens is TBD. MSC is still looking for contractors to install the murals in the 5th Street side of the Greenspace. Network Calumet meeting should be coming in the next couple of weeks. Please watch the Main Street Calumet Facebook page for further updates on community events and projects.

3. District Updates
    i. DDA Properties *(no updates)*
    ii. District property sales / transitions *(Haselden)*

    206 Fifth Street sold.

4. Project Updates
    i. District Security Camera Project *(Haselden/Wickstrom)*

    Haselden updated that Wickstrom met with representative from Up and Running for an estimate – the rep stated that there estimate would be significantly higher than the prior one received and that they would follow up with more information.

    ii. Ruppe Building *(Haselden/Howard)*

    Haselden updated that the Bring Back Calumet Task Force met and discussed the urgency of getting the rest of Phase I stabilization completed. Discussion on DDA taking title to the property.

**Howard arrived at 9:30*

    iii. Calumet Beautification Group *(L'Esperance)*

**McParlan arrived at 9:35*

L'Esperance updated on 2 gardening sessions in the Greenspace, including moving some plants around and transferring some plants to Agassiz Park. The volunteer group has been growing and will focus on Agassiz Park next year.

5. DDA Plan Update

   i. DDA Plan Committee *(L'Esperance, Tucker, Wickstrom)*

   November meeting will be just focused on the DDA Plan update and reviews to the Master Plan.

   ii. Recreation Plan Committee (*L'Esperance, Howard, Haselden)*

   The Recreation Plan should be ready for Council approval in November.

   iii. Marketing Plan *(L'Esperance)*

   L'Esperance updated that she is working on a draft of the Marketing Plan for consideration – this will be shared with the board to review prior to the November DDA meeting. This is a requirement to become a Certified Redevelopment Ready Community.

VI. New Business

1. TV-6 Around Town

   L'Esperance updated that TV-6 reached out and that the Village of Calumet will be the second town in the UP that they are doing this segment on. The DDA cost is $1,000 and businesses have been offered significant discounts to do short commercials over 2 months, during the holiday period. 14 businesses in the village have signed up. Filming will be occurring over the next couple of weeks. Request to approve $1,000 to TV-6 for this project.

   Tarvis moved, supported by Johnston to approve the $1,000.

   Roll Call:

   Yeas: L'Esperance, McParlan, Johnston, Ranville, Tarvis, Wickstrom

   Nays: None

   Absent: Campioni, 1 Vacant Position

Motion Carried 7/0

2. DDA Vacant Seat

L'Esperance updated on a potential new board member that is a new property owner in the district, but no letter of interest has been received.

3. Fall Event Flyer *(L'Esperance)*

   The board commends the Whimsiqueers on a super successful Harvest Moon Night Market on October 11th and are very pleased to see the event occur in Calumet and hopes that it continues annually in the area. L'Esperance suggests that the DDA consider placing a banner on the band shell in the future, letting people know that the space is available for community events. L'Esperance reviewed the Fall Event flyer and suggestions for changes from the group and requests approval for up to $3,000 for this printing and mailer, which will be sent to the full Township and have a split cost with the Township.

   Roll Call:

   Yeas: L'Esperance, McParlan, Johnston, Ranville, Tarvis, Wickstrom

   Nays: None

   Absent: Campioni, 1 Vacant Position

   Motion Carried 7/0

4. DDA Information Sessions *(L'Esperance)*

   i. Scheduled for November 18, 2026 @ 4:30 and November 19, 2026 @ 11:00

5. CopperDog Sponsorship *(Haselden)*

   Tarvis/Johnston moved to approve a $1,000 sponsorship.

   Roll Call:

   Yeas: L'Esperance, McParlan, Johnston, Ranville, Tarvis, Wickstrom

   Nays: None

   Absent: Campioni, 1 Vacant Position

   Motion Carried 7/0

6. Holiday Decorations *(Haselden)*

   Haselden updated that the snowflakes for streetlights are not in good working order – we've had these for years and they were used from another municipality prior to us having them. Discussion on cost of decorations, to be considered for FY 2028, and using garland/coordinating with Calumet Floral on options for this winter.

7. Approval of DDA Bills/Transaction Report

   Tarvis/McParlan moved to accept the bills.

   Roll Call:

   Yeas: L'Esperance, McParlan, Johnston, Ranville, Tarvis, Wickstrom

   Nays: None

   Absent: Campioni, 1 Vacant Position

Motion Carried 7/0

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

VIII. Adjourn

Tarvis/Ranville moved to adjourn at 10:17am

Motion Carried 7/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, DDA Administrator