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**Gratiot Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Clinton
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Minutes**

Brandon Jonas, DDA Liaison called the meeting to order at 7:43 a.m. Members Present: Mark Krutell, Peter Thomas, Jim Johnson, Canetha Armour-Porter, Cyd Lucas, and Mario Lavinio. Excused: Carolyn Dorian, **A quorum was present.**

Also present was Clinton Township Economic Development Director Brandon Jonas, Trustee Michael Keys, and Deputy Supervisor Dan O’Leary.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 3rd, 2021 was made by Peter Thomas and seconded by Jim Johnson. Motion approved.

Approval of Vouchers:

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Cantha Armour-Porter. Motion approved.

Police Report: Lt. Preston Susalla discussed police report and the retail fraud charges. He also explained the K9 program.

Bi-Annual Meeting: Brandon discussed the 2021 DDA synopsis and reviewed what the DDA accomplished for the year. He went also went over the immediate goals for the year.

District Update: Brandon briefly went over the car wash site plan and discussed an update on the light pole banners.

Economic Development Department Update: Brandon went over the Economic Development Strategic Vision Plan objectives. He discussed restaurant week would take place Sept 19-24 and went over the Commercial Rehabilitation Guidelines and Incentive Policy. Brandon also gave an update on new business developments, residential developments, and 2021 tax foreclosed properties.

Other Business:

The Gratiot Cruise will take place August 1st 2021 and the board advised Brandon Jonas to reach out to Stephanie Mittelstedt, Administrative Assistant, and schedule a “Special Meeting” to discuss final plans for the cruise.

A Downtown Node subcommittee and Landscaping plan subcommittee were also discussed and the board recommended to Brandon Jonas to send out an email to see who would like to be on each

committee. He will also email out the bylaws so the board can review the official positions and the board will vote next meeting on new positions.

Mr. Keys, Trustee, discussed the State's Art Program and Grant opportunities.

Jim Johnson made a motion for Brandon Jonas to ask the Board of Trustees for up to \$2,000 for a matching public art grant. Seconded by Canetha Armour-Porter: Motion Approved. The board the location of the art sculpture and advised Brandon Jonas to set up a time where members can go out along Gratiot and find a location. Once a location is decided, Brandon will submit the request to the Board of Trustees behalf of the DDA.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Johnson seconded by Canetha Armour-Porter. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Brandon Jonas

Submitted by DDA Liaison Brandon Jonas