

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

July 21, 2026 – 7:00am

Present: Angie Sirotko, Hailey Savola, Bob Chapman, Tom Zuniga, Brent Clark, Kellen Brusveen, Jeremy Borgman, Rence Meredith, Steve Spriensma, Adam Elenbaas

Absent: Angie Hatto, David Vanderwall

1. Opportunity for public comment - None Present
2. Approval of the May 19, 2026, meeting minutes Motion Brusveen, support Zuniga, motion passes
3. Chamber Agreement Updates -Angie Ecklund and Tricia Roslund presented an updated partnership proposal. Topics included a 3-year term starting in 2027, using funds for Announcer material that highlights local businesses and events, using digital billboards. This will be considered at following meeting. The Chamber also provided updates on the upcoming M45 Celebration.
4. M-45 / 60th Ave Traffic Light Update & Funding - MDOT reached out and has the project planned for 2029, with bidding at the end of 2027. Adam is trying to get the construction pulled into 2028, although lead times for materials such as light poles are currently at two years, so this may be a challenge. MDOT to cover the cost of the traffic light; Township (DDA) to cover the cost of the reconstruction of the intersection and paving. This is in the DDA's TIF. Adam will build it into the upcoming annual budgets. There was discussion around constructing a tunnel under M45.
5. Town Center Work Group Update - The Township Board approved the creation of a work group and description of the intended membership and scope. A posting is being made on the Township website for a group to work through a whiteboard exercise to determine the next steps in the creating of a town center. The input will be provided to the Board of Trustees.
6. Topic of Discussion: Park renovations. The Township and Little League President Corey Sobeck are having conversations around updates to ballfields as Field 1 is reconstructed into future skate park and ninja course uses. The next Parks & Recreation meeting is later this week. Adam will send out an update to the DDA after the Parks & Rec meeting.

7. Members requested a park project/timeline update at the next DDA meeting.
8. Public Comment – None Present
9. Next Meeting September 15, 2026
10. Adjourn Motion Borgman, Support Merideth, motion passes