

Michigamme Township DDA 2025  
Minutes for January 6, 2025  
Organizational Meeting

**Opening of Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:07 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent: Rose M.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the minutes from December 2, 2024 with typo corrections. Seconded by Virginia O., all in favor.

**Nomination of Officers:** Once again a discussion was held about the timeline for new members. We have one opening but appointment does not happen with the Township Board until next Monday. Virginia O. nominated Scott G. for the Chair position. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor. Scott G. nominated Virginia O. for Vicechair. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor. Rhonda G. nominated Julia L. for secretary. Seconded by Virginia O., all in favor. Virginia O. nominated Rhonda G. for Treasurer. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Rhonda G. reported that we had two checks clear. \$150 for Media Brew/Holiday Market Ad. \$35.84 at Menards that Rhonda G, will follow up on. There was a deposit for \$331.25 from the Holiday Market concession. The checking account balance is \$13,332.91. Motion was made by Julia L. to approve the treasurers report. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

**Member Comment:** Julia L. informed us that we have one application for the DDA open position. Rhonda G. wished everyone a Happy New Year and said we should all smile and be happy about what we have accomplished. We are getting things done.

**Old Business:**

- 1- **Christmas Party Review:** The party was well attended and we still have some gifts left over. Santa was great. Letters of thank you will be sent to Joan Benti, Carla Skytta, her son, and the fire truck driver.
- 2- **LED Sign:** Scott G. called Joe at Signs Now and asked where our sign is? It has been nearly a month. Good news, it arrived in Marquette today and will be installed later

this week. Julia L. will call the DOT about the "Watch Children" sign location and have the DPW clear the area of snow so Joe can work.

3- Rack Card contacts: Virginia O. reported that she has had good response but is not done calling everyone. She will continue to work on the list.

4- Gift Card: Scott G. forgot to get the card but will get one next week. Maybe an Amazon?

5- Museum Meeting Date: Discussion was held and we will meet on January 27, 2025 at 6:00. (Notes area attached)

### New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: The following bills were presented for approval:

- Supplies for the Christmas Party from GFS.....\$40.96
- Supplies for the Christmas Party from Target.....\$45.95

Motion by Virginia O. to reimburse Julia L. \$86.91 from the Children's Program fund for the Christmas Party supplies. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor.

- Toys and wrapping paper for the Christmas Party from Menards.....\$65.49
- Toys for the Christmas Party from Menards..... \$223.82
- Toys for the Christmas Party from Meijers.....\$45.97

Some for the 2024 party and some for the 2025 party. Motion was made by Julia L. to reimburse Rhonda G. \$200.00 from the DDA checking and \$135.28 from the Children's Program fund for a total of \$335.28. Seconded by Lisa S., all in favor.

2- CIP Choices 2025: Discussion was held and a motion was made by Scott G. to set aside another \$5000.00 toward the east entryway sign. Seconded by Rhonda G., all in favor. Motion by Scott G. to set aside another \$10,000 for the Pavilion Restroom Project. Seconded by Virginia O., all in favor.

3- Budget for 2025-26: Discussion was held and the proposed budget is as follows:

Office Supplies.....	\$100
Postage and Delivery.....	\$50
Professional Fees (Website).....	\$250
803.....	Zero
Advertising.....	\$2000
Signage.....	\$6000
Miscellaneous.....	\$4000
TOTAL.....	\$12,400

CIP ...\$10,000 to the Pavilion / restroom. Making the Total set aside \$30,000

CIP...\$5000 to the East entry way sign. Making the Total set aside \$25,000

Motion was made by Julia L. to accept the Proposed DDA 2025/26 budget. Seconded by Scott G. all in favor.

4- Set Dates for 2025 Markets: After discussion and looking at the calendar it was decided to hold the Spring Artisans Market / Car, Bike Show on Sunday June 22,

2025 from 11-4. The Holiday Market will be on November 8, 2025 from 10-3. to ~~Motin~~ Motion to accept the market dates was made by Rhonda G, and seconded by Virginia O. All in favor.

5- Set date to meet with the Planning Commission in 2025: This was tabled until the new Planning Commission members are in place and we get more information on what we are supposed to meet about.

6- Sponsorship of a History Presentation: Discussion was held about sponsoring Jack Deo and John Koski to do a presentation to support the museum. Julia will get more information for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda G. Seconded by Virginia O. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

# Michigamme Township DDA 2025

## Minutes for June 2, 2025

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Lisa S. Dan S. and Virginia O. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Laura M. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the minutes from May 5, 2025 with typo corrections, seconded by Rose M. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: No report from office, reconciliations will not be printed until Thursday. Rhonda G. gave members her accounting of the DDA Checking dated March 30, 2024-April 1, 2025. Members like the format she has created. Motion was made by Julia L. to accept the new format, seconded by Laura M. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Terry McBride is looking forward to the show on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and is ready to help with the second area of paddle signs when installed. Debbie Kinnunen commented that we should be able to get the treasurers information from the office. She also thinks the DDA should request that their accounts not be combined with the proposed consolidation of bank accounts.

Member Comment: Rhonda G. thinks the street planters look beautiful. Laura M. wanted to say that she thinks the new paddle signs look great. Julia L. reported that the DPW will water the plants. The Township Board spoke about it and agrees.

### Old Business:

- 1- Paddle Sign Completion: A new pole is needed for the west end location. Scott will grab a new pole and the DPW will do the removal and install.
- 2- Rack Card Contacts: No report, Virginia O. absent.
- 3- History Presentation Update: Julia L. let the members know about the date change from Wednesday to Thursday so as not to overlap with the island music.
- 4- Market Final Plans: ADVERTISING; Marquette Monthly ad has already come out. Scott will speak with Walt Lindala about some free radio plugs for our event. The museum will handle the free calendar sites. VENDORS; We have 21 vendors so far and Julia L. asked for t-shirt design ideas. CONCESSION; Rose M. reported that we do need our own food license and because we are less than 30 days away it will be \$110.00. We have the thermometers for food temp. checking. The menu is set with pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, baked goods, watermelon, coffee, pop, and water. Once

Rose M. has her final cost figures Julia will print menu. RAFFLE; A question arose as to whether there is a need for a license for the 50/50 drawing. SIGNS, Scott traded some work for a car show banner and will buy the poles to hold it up. The car show still needs signs and Julia will order them from globe printing. TROPHIES and ETC.; Kick Stands for the bikers, Scott G. will order. We chose the non-printed ones for the cost savings. Scott will also order the dash plaques that the DDA will pay for and the trophies that the FOMC will pay for. FOMC RAFFLE; Debbie Kinnunen listed the items she has collected thus far.

- 5- Choose Gateway Sign Location: We need to put a flag at potential areas and make a choice.

#### New Business:

- 1- Bills for approval: The following bills were presented for approval:

- Plants, MCTA gifts and 4 bags of soil totaling \$311.94 were charges on the Township CC.
- Copies fee from office for Spring Market posters. \$13.20

Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the invoices as presented, seconded by Laura M. all in favor, motion passed.

- 2- Saturday set up: The DDA will bring their tent for use where needed. The FOMC will need at least four tables. Julia will call Garver (rented park) about supplies being stored in the building. We will meet at 10:00 on the 21st to start the set-up.

- 3- Bike's location: Discussion was held and it was decided to display the bikes near the information station. Motion was made by Rose M., seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor, motion passed.

- 4- Float for parade: Members will think of ideas and decide if anyone has time.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Julia L., seconded by Rose M. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

# Michigamme Township DDA 2025

## Minutes for August 4, 2025

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Dan S. and Lisa S. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the minutes from June 2, 2025 as presented, seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Rhonda G. reported that there was no report from the office for July. The report from 5-31-2025 shows the ICS balance of \$101,487.44. The interest was \$307.34. The checking account has a balance of \$13,390.49. One check was recorded in the amount of \$148.43. Motion was made by Julia L. to accept the treasures report as presented, seconded by Rose M. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: William S. commented on the success of the Car Show and Artisans Market. He felt the folks liked the park venue and the band has agreed to play next year.

Member Comment: Virginia O. loves the new screen door at the cookshack. Julia L. is pleased about the good records being kept by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee. Rhonda G. would like to see a food sign on the cookshack and for the band to turn one of their speakers out toward the field.

### Old Business:

- 1- Paddle Sign Poles: Scott G. told us that the crooked pole needs to be dug out and the new holes drilled. The DPW can put the poles in the hole and concrete them in. The new pole that was purchased is already warping and Scott G. will try to straighten it out. We will need to purchase one more bag of concrete.
- 2- Rack Card Contacts: Virginia O. will recontact the businesses who have already committed and recheck their information and re-call those who have not.
- 3- Market/Car Show Reports: A) Concession: The concession took in \$1047.50 and cost \$378.21 making the net profit \$669.29. This included the \$110.00 for the food license which will only be \$85.00 next year. Rose McBride would like to bring back the sloppy joes next year. Suggestions; individual prices made clear on menu, have a joint meeting with the FOMC to discuss the concession and come to an agreement.

Popcorn being made on site is a must because it falls under the health department license. Need to iron out the cookshack flow for workers, need pop inventory start and end. B) Raffle Baskets; They went over well, brought in \$456.00. 50/50 made \$234.00. C) DDA Raffle; Made \$175.00 D) Vendors; Maybe change date, loss of vendors. Perhaps in early August and back to a Saturday. E) Advertising; Need a better paper trail for costs so we can track better.

- 4- Gateway Sign Location: Scott G. looked at a spot with Dug Right and he estimated the cost to prep the site at \$11,400. We will mark two spots on Thursday 4:30 p.m.
- 5- Relocate Moose Billboard: Julia L. said she does not like the height or lack of since it is a picture of the moose in the air. She will ask Mike T. about his land for the sign or maybe we move onto the state land area with the gateway sign and put the moose by the wastewater area. New layout at next meeting.

#### New Business:

- 1- Bills for Approval: The following bills and deposits were presented for approval:
  - \$2250.00 for Dug Right labor to remove and install new billboard at market and Shasta. Bored out new holes for paddle signs to the west.
  - \$378.00 to be paid to Rose Mc Bride for spring market concession supplies and the health department license.
  - \$1047.50 Deposit from spring concessions.
  - \$175.00 Deposit from artisan's raffle.
  - \$120.00 Deposit from FOMC for car show signs.

All deposits will go into checking. Motion was made by Julia L. to approve the invoices and deposits as presented, seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda G., seconded by Scott G. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

# Michigamme Township DDA 2025

## Minutes for October 6, 2025

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:08 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Laura M. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rose M. to approve the minutes from August 4, 2025 as presented, seconded by Lisa S. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Rhonda G. reported from the July reconciliations. She would like to have a better connection to get the reports from the office. The checking account ending date July 31, 2025 showed 7 checks processed for a total of \$1030.29 and one deposit for \$120.00 from market raffle monies. The total balance in checking was \$12,245.20. The ICS account has a balance of \$102,168.02 with interest of \$346.45. Motion was made by Scott G. to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Rose M. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Terry McBride commented that the lines chalked on the field for the car show were hard to see. Maybe use cones, a reflective vest and wand to direct people.

Member Comment: Rose M. apologized for missing the last meeting.

### Old Business:

- 1- Paddle Sign Repair: Scott G. reported that the new poles he purchased are also warping. He will research to check for dry ones.
- 2- Rack Cards: Virginia will move ahead with what she has. She will contact Marla Bradley directly.
- 3- Gateway Sign Location: Discussion was held and we will explore moving it to the state land west of the big rock. Julia L. will ask Mike T. to show where his pin is and ask about the moose sign. Rhonda G. will talk to the state about location.
- 4- Moose Sign Relocation: Discussion was held relocation is a yes.
- 5- Museum Billboard: the steamer was taken out and Keesha P. took pictures. Scott forwarded to the sign place but has not heard yet. Julia will find out what the Museum wants it to say.

New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: The following bills were presented for approval:

- Raffle tickets for events were submitted by Rose M. in the amount of \$7.70.

Motion was made by Scott G. to approve the invoices as presented, seconded by Julia L. All in favor, motion passed.

2- Holiday Market Plans: Julia reported that we only have 13 vendors so far. It was decided that we should try for 18. Julia L. will contact the vendors to remind them of the deadline.

3- Christmas Party: This year's date will be Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 2-4. Discussion was held and we will move Santa and the games to the card room. Also, Santa will arrive at 2:30 not at 2:00. This will be further discussed at the November meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Julia L. seconded by Rhonda G. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

# Michigamme Township DDA 2025

Minutes for November 3, 2025

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Rose M. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rhonda G to approve the minutes from October 6, 2025 with typo corrections. Seconded by Lisa S. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Rhonda G. reported that last month there was not much to go by because she did not have the September reconciliation of accounts. As of today, there was a transfer on 10-10-25 to 4312 to 4262 that is in question. One check was posted for the Marquette Monthly Holiday Market AD for \$190.00. Checking account balance is at \$23,627.99. As of September 31<sup>st</sup> the ICS has gained \$337.54 in interest and has a balance of \$102,853.19. Motion was made by Virginia O. to accept the treasurers report. Seconded by Scott G. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Terry M. commented that the Christmas lights look nice and that Rose will be back from Germany for the next meeting.

Member Comment: Julia L. commented that she was glad everyone attended.

## Old Business:

- 1- Paddle Sign Poles: Scott G. reported that the warping repair was not working. Julia L. said maybe we could use aluminum? Scott G. will call Marquette Fence to see what they can do.
- 2- Rack Card Project: Virginia O. will submit to North Country Designs.
- 3- Gateway Sign Location: Julia L. reported that she had met with the land owner adjacent to the state land that we want to locate on. They showed

her the spot and weed whacked an opening. She also met with the MDOT and asked if when we flag the two spots could they come and look.

4- Relocate Moose Sign: Scott G. will contact DugRight about moving the sign to Township Land.

5- Museum Billboard: Scott G. let us know that the picture of the steamer is taken and has been isolated for use. Now the horses have to be added.

#### New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: NONE

2- Holiday Market: Virginia O. has the media brew ad to complete, MQT Monthly is done, posters have gone out. Friday night will be set up for those that can help. Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. we will open.

3- Christmas Party Plans: Rhonda G. may need a few more gifts. We have plenty of game prizes, enough plates, cups, and silverware. Need gifts for boys 8 plus, girls 5 to 8 and a few infants and pre-teens. Bill S. will make the Sloppy Joes and we will buy the supplies. One GFS hot chocolate (make less) Swiedals will buy the chips. Julia will shop for juice boxes, cocoa, sloppy joe supplies, buns, and cupcakes. Virginia will make Krispy bars. Julia will make the posters.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda G. seconded by Lisa S. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

## MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP DDA 2025

### Minutes for December 1, 2025

Opening of Meeting: Meeting was called to order by Chair Scott G. at 6:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent Rose M., and Laura M. Quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lisa S. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rhonda G. to approve the minutes from November 3, 2025 with typo correction. Seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Rhonda G. reported that she had found the answer to the transfer in question at last month's meeting. It was a deposit into the checking from the tax fund because it was TIF monies from the summer tax collection. There was one deposit made in November from the Holiday Market concession, raffle, and entry fees. The total was \$728.50. One check was cashed for \$7.70 to Rose M. for concession food reimbursement. The balance in the checking as of December 1, 2025 is \$24,348.79. Rhonda G. suggested transferring some of the checking account funds into the ICS for a better interest rate. Motion was made by Rhonda G. to transfer \$20,000 from the DDA checking into the DDA ICS. Seconded by Julia L. All in favor, motion passed. Rhonda G. will contact Steve E., township treasurer, and request the transfer.

Public Comment: None

Members Comment: Virginia O. let us know that she received an envelope with money to be used toward the Christmas Party. Virginia O. will send a card of thanks. Julia L. let the members know that the office is starting to run smoother. Scott G. asked if the shed off Mill St. is the DDA's?

#### Old Business:

- 1- Paddle Sign Poles: Scott G. reported that 41 Lumber has 4'x6'x16' in stock and he will see what kind of shape they are in. He will also check with Marquette Fence on the cost of aluminum posts and bring the warped ones back to Menards and get a credit slip for future purchases.
- 2- Business Cards to Website: Virginia O. has not submitted them yet, but will get it done.
- 3- Gateway Sign: Julia L. reported that Mike and Sharon T. showed her where their property line was along the north side of US 41 where we want to locate the gateway sign. The DOT asked that we flag it so they can see the location. Discussion was held and we

looked at a map for the area. It was agreed that the spot is good. We will flag it first thing in the spring.

4- Moose Sign: Do in the spring

5- Museum Billboard: No update, Scott G. will contact Icon signs for an update.

New Business:

1- Bills for Approval: NONE

2- Holiday Market Report: Nineteen vendors attended and all the food sold out. Traffic was a bit slower than last year but those that attended were buying.

3- Christmas Party Plans: 1) Gifts are still needed for boys 8+, girls 5-8, a few infants and preteens. 2) Santa will be Matt Skytta. 3) Rhonda will get one more game. 4) We will have treat bags. 5) Julia L. will purchase the meat, buns, juice boxes, napkins, cocoa, and tiny cupcakes. Swiedals will purchase the chips, Virginia O, will make bars and cookies. William S. will make the sloppy joes. We will meet at 11:30 to set up.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rhonda G., seconded by Virginia O. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.