

The Rescheduled Regular Meeting, May 8, 2025, of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was called to order by chair, Ben Smock at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DDA.**

**Roll Call:**

Present: Members Danesi, Price, Pyshos, Schimanski, Smock, Workman

Absent: Members Gradowski and Rahm.

**Member Kemper joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.**

Staff present: Deputy Clerk Schroeder, Park Superintendent D'Amico, City Manager Watson, Code Enforcement Officer Nelson, DPW Street Crew Lead Bolton.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Danesi, seconded by Schimanski to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes February 12, 2025, Special Meeting**

Motion by Workman, seconded by Schimanski to approve the February 12, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:** Rennie Burian and John Humphrey.

**Presentation:** There was a presentation by Pat Matthews with Seven Diamonds to bring a multi-family housing project to 606 South Whittaker.

**New Business: Meeting time change**

Motion by Shimanski, seconded by Danesi to change the regular scheduled quarterly DDA meetings to 1:00 p.m.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

**Discussion Topics:**

**Parking:**

Motion by Kemper, seconded by Pyshos to table the topic of parking for staff and council review.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

**Fireworks:**

The DDA held a conversation on the topic of fireworks, funding and a potential sponsor for the 2025 fireworks.

**Signage codes and regulations, including mobile billboards:**

Motion by Kemper, Seconded by Danesi to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission to review the sign ordinance and infractions for violations of the sign ordinance.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Pyshos, seconded by Workman to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

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Ben Smock, Chair

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Amber Schroeder, Deputy Clerk

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