



**BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**THURSDAY, September 17, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Brownstown Township Downtown Development Authority was held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in the Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, Brownstown, Michigan 48183. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chairperson Vidusic and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Bielecki, DiMilia, Ferguson, Khan, Linko, Smith and Vidusic.

Also in attendance were: Downtown Development Authority Assistant Directors Trussell and Gustafsson and DDA Attorney Young.

**EXCUSED:** Goleniak, Skotanis

**MINUTE APPROVAL:** Motion by Bielecki, supported by Smith, to approve the Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of September 2, 2015 as submitted. All present voting aye.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion by DiMilia, supported by Khan, to approve the Downtown Development Authority agenda for September 17, 2015 as submitted. All present voting aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recreation Campus Phase 5A Design Plan Update – Presentation by Mark Robinson, Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio

Assistant Director Gustafsson introduced Mark Robinson from Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio. Mr. Robinson gave a presentation on the design and engineering plan of Phase 5A. Considerable progress has been made.

Next steps include: Investigation of existing storm sewer line, complete design and engineering plan, and prepare bid documents for construction following CDBG requirements.

**REPORTS**

Events Update

Assistant Director Trussell gave an update on the following events:

\*Brownstown Business Expo – The Business Expo held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 was a huge success. Approximately 900 people attended which more than doubled the previous Expo attendance numbers.

\*The Taste of Brownstown – This was the busiest part of the Expo. Thank you to all the restaurants and caterers that participated: Baldos, The Market, Silver Shore, Deb's Catering and Champions Sports Grill. Also, thank you to the DDA Members and Township Board Members who came to support the Expo.

**REPORTS**  
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\*Farmers Market – September 15, 2015 was also the last day of Farmers Market. There were 15 weeks of a successful market season. The News Herald and Monroe Evening News were great about including the Market in their newspapers. It really helped the attendance. The vendors had a good year and will be returning next year.

\*SWCRC – SWCRC is hosting an “After Business, Ours” on September 17, 2015 for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Brownstown Henry Ford Health Center. There is no charge for this event and everyone is invited.

August 2015 Financial Reports

Motion by Bielecki, supported by DiMilia, to approve the August 2015 Check Disbursement Report for accounts 248 and 469 for a total amount of \$29,289.78. All present voting aye.

Economic Development Update

Assistant Director Trussell presented an article about the Brownstown Business Center. Amazon will be hosting a public job fair on September 23, 2015 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District in Taylor. They will be looking to fill approximately 700 jobs.

**DDA ATTORNEY YOUNG**

Motion by Ferguson, supported by Smith, to approve to pay DDA Attorney Young’s bill for August 31, 2015 in the amount of \$4,761. All present voting aye.

Motion by Khan, supported by Bielecki, to adjourn the Downtown Development Authority meeting at 12:39 p.m. All present voting aye.