

Fruitport Township DDA Annual Meeting

Minutes

Location Fruitport Township Hall

June 15, 2026

1. Call to Order – Chairman Todd Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. Roll Call – as follows

Present – Randy Klingel, Larry Hall, Todd Dunham, Tim Reilly, Gary Smith, Frank Matice & Heidi Tice

Absent and excused – Larry Romanelli

3. Approval of the agenda – Motion made by Larry Hall 2nd by Heidi Tice passed unanimously
4. Public Comment on agenda items – no public comments
5. Approval of the minutes from January 29, 2026 meeting – motion to approve as presented by Todd Dunham 2nd by Heidi Tice passed unanimously
6. New Business
 - a. Board Member Term Expirations –
 - i. Larry Romanelli – Larry emailed Heidi Tice that he would accept another 1-year term on the board - Heidi Tice motioned to accept Larry Romanelli for a 1-year term, 2nd by Todd Dunham passed unanimously
 - ii. Vacant chair – There was some discussion on this and some suggested names from both Randy Klingel and Frank Matice. The board would like bios of interested people and discussion at the next meeting in September.
 - iii. Terms were updated as follows

Todd Dunham – no expiration

Larry Hall 2-year – ends 2027

Randy Klingel 2-year – ends 2027

Frank Matice – no expiration

Tim Reilly – 3-year – ends 2027

Larry Romanelli 1-year - ends 2027

Gary Smith 4-year – ends 2029

Heidi Tice 4-year - ends 2029

Vacant 3-year term - ends 2027

- b. Nomination of Officers for the coming year.

- i. Chair – Larry Hall motion and nominated Todd Dunham for chair 2nd by Randy Klingel, Todd accepted, motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Vice Chair – Heidi Tice motioned and nominated Gary Smith for Vice chair, Todd Dunham 2nd Gary accepted, and motion passed unanimously
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer – Todd Dunham motioned for Heidi Tice to be secretary/treasurer, Randy Klingel 2nd Heid accepted, and motion passed unanimously.
- c. Annual review of DDA/TIF plans – the board members had a lot of open discussion on what progress has happened within the DDA district. The board talked at length about the traffic increase in the area and maybe we should look into a traffic study to help with flow problems and growth.
 - i. Review of the plan goals revealed 2 of the goals have been met and are no longer needed. Larry Hall motion to removed item e & i from the plan, 2nd by Gary Smith – roll call vote as follows

Randy Klingel – yes, Tim Reilly – yes, Todd Dunham – yes, Frank Matice – yes, Gary Smith – yes, Larry Hall – yes, Heidi Tice – yes – motion passed

- d. Annual report – townships new Finance Director – Brooke – handed out copies of financials with all the parcels in the DDA on them, there taxable values and what the capture was for both 2025 & 2026. She stated the annual financial reports where never submitted to the state and she was correcting that issue this month. Heidi Tice gave her the copies from previous meetings when the reports were completed to help with the issue. Brooke reported the DDA account had \$190,000.00 currently and the capture for 2026 would be estimated at \$450,000.00. Motion was made by Heidi Tice to accept the annual report, 2nd by Todd Dunham, motion passed with 1 no vote.
- e. Next year's meeting dates
 - i. Motion was made by Todd Dunham 2nd by Heidi Tice to keep quarterly meeting dates as follows for the next year
 - 1. September 21, 2026
 - 2. December 21, 2026
 - 3. March 15, 2027
 - 4. June 21, 2027
 Motion passed unanimously

7. Old Business:

- a. Discussion on DDA TIF recipients taking the township to tax tribunal-
There was a great deal of discussion on the topic. The members of the board feel companies that are granted a TIF through the DDA should not be able to lower

the value of their property below what they gave estimated projections to the DDA board in order to obtain a TIF. The members of the board are wondering about a possible claw back clause going forward. Todd Dunham stated he will ask the Township Attorney what options are available and legal going forward. We will discuss this again at our next meeting.

8. Public Comments – there were no public comments
9. Adjournment – Randy Klingel motioned to adjourn 2nd by Gary Smith passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm