

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)
SPECIAL MEETING**

**JULY 21, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

DDA Chairman Jay Howie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members present included: Lannie Young, Tamra Ward, Jay Howie, Troy Powe, and John Bell.

Also present were Chris Doozan, Interim DDA Director and John Hicks, Lyon Township Trustee.

Public discussion, non-agenda items. There was no discussion.

Approval of the agenda. Tamra Ward made a motion to approve the agenda. Troy Powe offered support for the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Consider building demolition (56405 Grand River Ave.). John Bell opened the discussion by talking about alternatives to tearing buildings down, and asked if the building in question could be rehabilitated. He said our priorities should be sewer, water, curb and gutter. Jay Howie responded that the building is not worth saving; it is a fire trap. Lannie Young echoed Mr. Howie's comments, noting that the building has no architectural value; it is just a box with commercial windows occupied by raccoons.

Mr. Young and Mr. Howie reviewed the bids received to demolish the building. MDS, which is doing the demolition on Cash Street, bid \$12,000, but indicated they would prefer \$14,000. George Boston submitted a bid in March for \$7,950.

It was revealed that a bid request was never prepared for this project, and perhaps it would be a good idea to put one together to allow others to bid on the project. Tamra Ward expressed some interest in moving forward, but Mr. Howie indicated there is no urgency. He wanted to make sure that any bid package should include cleaning up the property.

Troy Powe made a motion to put together a bid package which will include demolition of the building at 56405 Grand River Ave., as well as cleaning up the property. Tamra Ward supported the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment. John Bell made a motion to adjourn. Tamra Ward offered support for the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Rose Case
Recording Secretary

Chris Doozan
Interim DDA Director

Bryan Wallace
DDA Secretary