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Plainwell BRA DDA TIFA
April 14, 2026

1. Chairman Larabel called the meeting to order at 7:30am in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
3. Roll Call: Present: Nick Larabel, Paul Rizzo, Adam Hopkins, David Steffen (7:36am), Rimante Grigaliunas, Randy Wisnaski and Justin Lakamper (7:35am)
Excused: Jim Turley
4. Approval of Minutes:
A motion by Wisnaski, seconded by Rizzo, to accept and place on file the BRA DDA TIFA Meeting Minutes of the 03/10/2026 meeting. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
5. Public Comment: Superintendent Nieuwenhuis discussed the trees downtown. He would like to work with the Board to create a plan to replace the trees as a group, approximately every 10 years or so, to insure all the trees are uniform in size and species. Alternatively, large planters could take the place of some of the trees. The Board is interested in getting more information on recommended tree types, planter costs, and different options available in order to include funding for the project in the upcoming budget year. This will be discussed further at the May DDA meeting.
6. Chairman's Report: None
7. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. **A motion by Hopkins, seconded by Rizzo, confirming BRA payables for March 2026 in the amount of \$266.37. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - B. **A motion by Larabel, seconded by Wisnaski, confirming DDA payables for March 2026 in the amount of \$262.23. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
 - C. **A motion by Steffen, seconded by Larabel, confirming TIFA payables for March 2026 in the amount of \$44.80. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.**
8. Communications:
The March 2026 Summary and Detail Financial Reports, City Council meeting minutes from 02/23/2026 and 03/09/2026 and the letter of resignation from Cathy Green were reviewed.
9. Public Comment: None.
10. Staff Comment: Rizzo asked if there was going to be a brewery at 145 E. Bridge, and Lakamper answered, yes, this is where Doster Brewing will be located. It will be more like a taproom, as space is limited. Doster Brewing is currently renovating the building.
Rizzo asked about cars at the old Clark gas station, wondering if the new owners are starting work on the building. Lakamper answered the new owners haven't started work yet, as the City is working on updating the Ordinance to allow gas stations in the CBD. They will eventually tear the old building down and rebuild it.
Larabel discussed Cathy Green's letter of resignation from the board, sharing that she had recommended Lisa from Mosaic as a possible replacement. Lakamper is stepping down as a DDA board member, allowing for two vacancies to be filled by people with an interest in the downtown so the Board will be more balanced. Lakamper stated that anyone can apply for the Board. Mayor Keeler appoints board members with confirmation from Council.
Lakamper provided an update on repaving Industrial park, sharing that funding isn't available this year, and the project is planned for spring of 2027. The Industrial Park repaving project includes replacing about 300ft of water

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main. Larabel asked about the Ready-Mix plant, to which Lakamper stated that we are waiting for a site plan to be submitted before the project can move forward.

Lakamper shared that Profielnorm in Industrial Park is having their Grand Opening this month.

11. Board Member Comments: None.

12. Adjournment:

A motion by Rizzo, seconded by Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16am. On a voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Submitted by: JoAnn Leonard, City Clerk