

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 22, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, June 22, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aro, DDA Chair, at 4:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Lisa Peterson, David Aro, Antonio Adan, Brice Sturmer, Kelly Milano, Krystan Beaumont, Brett Argall, and Randy Scholz (8). Absent: Tracy Magnuson and Brian Buchanan (2). Also, present was DDA Liaison Diana Sundberg.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Brice Sturmer, seconded by Member Randy Scholz, and carried unanimously to approve May 18, 2026, minutes as presented.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

a. Finance Report

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Grey Getschow reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Report, period ending May 31, 2026. A Motion was made by Member Brett Argall, seconded by Member Kelly Milano, and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

b. Beautification Report

Linda Bertucci was not present; provided a report to DDA Liaison Diana Sundberg. Diana reviewed her update; NorthIron did a fantastic job with their Serve Day. Almost all the flower baskets are out. Still looking for volunteer help this summer. Diana discussed volunteers with the City to see if volunteers are acceptable; she received approval.

c. DDA Liaison Report

DDA Liaison, Diana Sundberg reviewed the DDA Liaison Report as provided in the packet, reporting period: May 18-June 22, 2026.

d. Ishpeming Community Events

Members Krystan Beaumont and Kelly Milano reviewed upcoming events. This Thursday is the Vintage Treasure Hunt. Next week Monday is the start of Old Ish Days. The Skate Park Event will start off with a Ribbon Cutting at 9:30 a.m.; other events start at 10:00 a.m. Received numerous sponsorships for the Skate Park Event. The Firecracker 5K and 1K Race changed locations this year to the Heritage Trail. Eight to nine businesses are participating in Chalk Art Day; working with six high school artists from the Art and Excellence Group.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Porta John Support Skate Park, Ishpeming 4th of July Parade

Member Krystan Beaumont asked for DDA support to have porta johns available for events that are in the downtown district as well as at the Skate Park.

A discussion took place regarding the Skate Park. Member Kelly Milano stated there have been numerous positive comments from the community about the Skate Park. It has been a community builder and bringing

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people to the downtown. Grey Getschow provided an update about some cracking issues, and the City is addressing this issue with American Ramp Company. Clover was laid down around the Skate Park. Working with Gavin from Bates Bikes to have Community Lead; which would be a DDA led volunteer position (friend of the Skate Park). Skate Park hours have been established the sign design is pending. Ishpeming Police Department would enforce the Park hours. A security camera with audio has been installed.

A motion was made by Member Krystan Beaumont, seconded by Member Brice Sturmer, carried unanimously to have porta johns at the Skate Park and available for the Fourth of July Parade.

b. DDA Liaison Hour Increase

Member Randy Scholz reached out to Natalie, LSCP, about increasing hours for DDA Liaison, Diana Sundberg. A proposal will be presented at the next DDA meeting. No motion was made at this time. Many DDA members would support a motion to increase the DDA Liaison hours.

c. Skate Park Ribbon Cutting

The Skate Park Ribbon Cutting is July 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. DDA Liaison Diana Sundberg will send out invitations.

Member Krystan Beaumont presented for the Skate Park Ribbon Cutting along with the additional events associated with this day at the Skate Park. This event is considered a Special Event; this requires an additional insurance policy coverage to extend to cover the events. Insurance cost coverage for this currently covered by Ishpeming Community Events. Member Beaumont is looking for DDA to co-sponsor the event and to support the insurance cost coverage for the special event.

A motion was made by Antonio Adan, seconded by Brice Sturmer to authorize the DDA to reimburse Ishpeming Community Events for the Special Event Insurance Policy for the July 2nd Skate Park Ribbon Cutting.

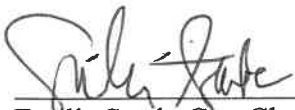
d. Michigan Downtown Association UP Meeting

The Michigan Downtown Association UP Meeting will be held August 6, 2026, at the Marquette Township Hall. It is \$250.00 per community with each community able to send up to three members. This does include lunch. It is an extra ten dollars for each additional person for up to a total of six members.

A motion was made by Member Brice Sturmer, seconded by Member Lisa Peterson, unanimously carried to support the Michigan Downtown Association UP Meeting attendance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m., a motion was made by Member Brett Argall, seconded by Member Randy Scholz, and carried unanimously to adjourn.



Emilie Stack, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager