

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Andy Linko
Dearborn	Alt. Bill Irving
Dearborn Heights	
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	
Gibraltar	Mayor Jim Gorris & Alt. Scott Denison
Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Brian Loftus
Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
Melvindale	
River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview	
Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
Romulus	Jazmine Danci, Economic Development Director
Southgate	
Taylor	Mayor Rick Sollars
Trenton	Scott Church, City Administrator
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	Larry Stec, City Clerk

The Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, opened the meeting at 5:06 p.m., with welcome and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Gorris, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 2/6/2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed DCC By-Laws Change: Chair Glaab reported
The proposed By-laws change was presented at the December board meeting. The change is related to DCC's fund raising efforts, and language required by the State of Michigan Charitable Gaming Division for organizations to obtain the licenses for raffles. The following proposed change would put us in compliance with the Charitable Gaming Division for future fundraising.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL

D. NONPROFIT STATUS:

DCC is a non-profit entity and shall remain so for the lifetime of the organization.

E. DISSOLUTION:

Should the Board of Directors ever elect to dissolve the DCC, all assets, both tangible and intangible, and real and personal property, will revert to another like kind non-profit 501(C)(3) organization.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to approve the By-laws change as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Oppose SB 431 – a bill to amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act:

Mayor Dan Guzzi and Supervisor Andy Linko expressed concern about the proposed SB 431, that it takes away the rights of a community to control mining in their community. Supervisor Linko added that the Michigan Township Association is also opposed to this. The biggest fight is currently in northwest Michigan, and we want to ensure this doesn't impact our communities.

The Michigan Senate Bill 431 has been introduced to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled "Michigan Zoning Enabling act,". Amending this Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as proposed, prohibits a local unit of government from having oversight and control to regulate drilling, completion or operation of oil or gas wells or other wells drilled for oil or gas exploration purposes and prevents jurisdiction with reference to the issuance of permits for the location, drilling, completion, operation, or abandonment of such wells. They believe very serious consequences could result from the extraction, by mining of natural resources. A consequence is very serious if it substantially exceeds the ordinary impacts of customary mining operations and poses an actual and unnecessary risk to public health, safety, or welfare that cannot be avoided or ameliorated through the imposition of reasonable controls or conditions on the mining operations.

Motion by Supervisor Linko, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to oppose SB 431 to amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Michael Bowdler of River Rouge expressed his concern for residents affected by layoffs from US Steel due to idling of the plant. He thanked Jim Perry for distributing the detailed list of employees affected from each community. He said River Rouge did all they could to keep US Steel here when the change in ownership occurred from Great Lakes Steel. Jim Perry reported DCC has been working with US Steel and Local 1299, meeting with the first 90 employees that were laid off in late 2019. Orientations started this week. We are working with those staff about potential certifications for trade benefits. Many of them are skilled trades and will be able to find good jobs. Jim has been coordinating help through Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.