

Corridor Improvement Authority

07/06/2026

Keeler Township Hall

Chairman Rod Pletz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Don Blackmond, Pat Hickey, Mike Spain, Rod Pletz, Vicki Pletz, Mari Herrell and Tom Neary.

Quorum has been achieved.

Motion made to approve the minutes of 06/04/2026 by Don Blackmond. Second, by Tom Neary. Motion passed.

Harold Schaus arrived late.

Chairman Pletz gave a financial report showing \$110,319.33 with interest of \$339.38 from the Michigan Class Investments. The general fund has a balance of \$117.36 which includes 24 cents of income on interest. Disbursements from the fund were \$300 for April and May mowing. \$1,000.00 for brick installation at the pavilion. \$200.00 to reimburse Rod Pletz.

Don Blackmond made a motion to reimburse chairman Pletz \$284.05 for the purchase of blank bricks. Seconded by Mari Herrell. (The expenditure was approved at the June meeting). Motion passed unanimously.

The update for the Greater Sister Lakes Business Association signs at the La Perla property. Don Blackmond stated that we are waiting for legal counsel to give us a proposed lease agreement.

Discussion about storm damaged to the fence at the leased property. Ernie New should be able to remove the tree branches and brush for a reasonable amount. Pat Hickey made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 to rectify problems with the fence including moving the northeast corner to the property line. Seconded by Harold Schaus. A roll call vote was called for, and it passed unanimously.

Update for the gratitude plaque for the picnic table. Vicki Pletz stated that she has approved the proof and the plaque has been ordered, no timeline on the arrival.

Chairman Pletz apologized for not moving forward with a dedication ceremony, issue tabled.

Chairman Pletz received a letter of support for the grant application from the Lions Club.

Mike Spain said that he was going to attend the Silver Creek Township meeting to try to get a letter of support for the grant application.

Don Blackmond made a motion to approve \$238 to order the remaining bricks to be put in. Seconded by Vicki Pletz. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the Facebook page and the CIA's website and making sure Tom Neary's daughter, Susan Elovitz, has the proper access to make enhancements.

Chairman Pletz brought up the idea of installing blank bricks around the other three sides of the pavilion for an approximate cost of \$4,500. Discussion of doing it now or waiting until more bricks are sold. Idea tabled.

The subcommittee for the tax increment financing failed to meet last month. A date to meet has been made.

Discussion about the popularity of the triathlon and the need to try to bolster our funding streams. A 5K run was mentioned. Obtaining sponsors. Joint efforts with the Lions Club. They need volunteers to help with these events. Nothing decided.

Discussion about the 4th of July parade route.

Chairman Pletz opened the meeting for public comment at 6:44pm.

Hearing none. Time for public comment was closed.

Don Blackmond made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Pat Hickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary R. Patrick Hickey

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Next meeting is August 3rd, 2026.