



Kingsley Downtown Development Meeting

207 South Brownson Ave, Kingsley, MI 49649

DDA MEETING (NO QUORUM)

9/9/2026, 5:30PM

No quorum was present, no official business or votes were conducted. We did take notes for general purposes:

Public Comment: Welcome Jami Bigham! Noted she wants us to take stock in the opportunities and make sure we don't because "Traverse City." Jami has some ideas that the board has asked her to email to the board. Bigger Picture: Blue Zones concept shared. Along with sports rec center for Kingsley.

Topics:

1. Brownfield 101 Presentation by Eric Helzer
2. Paradise Meadows Presentation by Jim Tiffany
3. Update KCP and OHM Consultant (formally CIB) Project
 - a. RFPQ Update-This is complete, and ready to be released today or tomorrow. It will be posted for 60 days. Being marketed out for developers.
 - b. Communications Plan-Media Process-We don't have a clear communications plan as of yet but here were some articles that went out with missing information, so going forward this is a 3-way discussion before talking to the media. (Maxwell, DDA, and OHM).
4. Village Zoning Admin/DDA Director-Nathan Ritter (MOU) Starting 9/28/2026. We had two really strong applicants. There are a few training sessions in terms of zoning that he will take early on in employment.

Marketing Update by Jena VanWagner: Business Coffee conducted at Kingsley Dance this month. Kingsley Dance 7 years in that building! Recital will be held outside of Kingsley this year as it has grown and there is no auditorium. Question asked about BusyB Properties—which is no longer in the Village of Kingsley.

Updates in Kingsley:

1. Village Council- Charlie started the bid processes for new furnaces, in part to be paid for by grant. My Village of Kingsley app is up and running! North Brownson to go up for bid this fall—slated to be completed when school is finished. October 8th, walking audit for “safe routes to school.” MDOT grant available for these recommendations. Real Leaf Grant approved, 20 more trees coming on 9/15/2026.
2. Village PC-
3. Township Board- Meeting tonight for ACE Hardware @6p
4. Township PC-
5. Other

Public Comment:

Other: - N/A