

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
NORTHVILLE COMMONS – FARMERS’ MARKET CONSORTIUM
AGREEMENT (Consortium)**

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

1. Call to Order and Introductions:

Chair Turnbull called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present were:

- Chair Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville
- Vice Chair Mark J. Abbo, Supervisor, Charter Twp. of Northville
- Secretary Cynthia L. Jankowski, Clerk, Charter Twp. of Northville
- Treasurer George Lahanas, Manager, City of Northville

Others in attendance were:

- Wendy Hillman, Finance Director, Township of Northville
- Anthony Chubb, Esq., Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Vice Chair Abbo to approve the agenda as presented, second by Treasurer Lahanas.

VOTE: **AYES:** Abbo, Turnbull, Jankowski, Lahanas
 NAYES: None

Motion Approved

3. Approve the Transfer and Acceptance of the Township Parcel and the City Parcel to the Consortium:

Motion by Vice Chair Abbo to approve the transfer and acceptance of the Township parcel and the City parcel to the Consortium in a form acceptable to the Township and City attorneys, second by Treasurer Lahanas.

VOTE: **AYES:** Abbo, Turnbull, Jankowski, Lahanas
 NAYES: None

Motion Approved

4. Review and Acceptance of Application/Requests for Use of the Farmers' Market Consortium Property:

Motion by Treasurer Lahanas to begin acceptance and review of applications for requests for use of the Farmers Market Consortium property by Northville Parks and Recreation for events within the next 30 days, in a form approved by the Chair and Vice Chair, second by Vice Chair Abbo.

VOTE: **AYES:** Abbo, Turnbull, Jankowski, Lahanas
 NAYES: None

Motion Approved

5. Review and Consideration of any other business concerning the Farmers' Market:

No motion brought forward.

6. Public Comment: None

7. New Business: Pros and Cons Discussion:

Pros: Vendors were happy that the property was illuminated and that the City's social district chalets were available to those without tents and picnic tables were utilized by food truck patrons. Attendees' comments received at the venue, and those received on the Township's Facebook page, were positive. General consensus was that opening day could not have gone any better, except for the weather.

Cons/Opportunities: Continued leveling of the property to solve water pooling issues. Add to the number of food trucks as the market grows in popularity. Better directional signage. Park a police car at the front of the property so motorists lower their speed in that area. Future consideration of a water supply, whether a water tap or re-use of the tank from the former farmers' market space. .

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Cynthia L. Jankowski, Consortium Secretary
Approved: October 8, 2025