

**Hopkins DDA
Meeting Minutes
Meeting 1/15/2026**

a. Roll Call: Tabitha Kennedy, Chris Kerber, Nick Price, Charles Ybema, Derreck Becker, Brent Sebright. Visitors: John from DPW, Danielle.

b. Minutes from 11/20/2025 meeting were read and approved unanimously as presented.

c. Treasurer's Report \$51,662.49 with \approx \$37.69 outstanding. Approved as presented.

d. Playground equipment discussion:

Nick is coordinating discussion with officials from Watson Township, Monterey Township, and Hopkins Township to determine if they are willing to help foot the bill to upgrade the park equipment. Private donations are also being sought, including support from the Lion's Club. The expected install date is 5/31/2026. Preparations are being determined for demolition and removal with possible option being a professional company or a local "scrapper". The DDA wants the demolition completed by 5/1. Any "scrapper" would be required to put a deposit down and sign a waiver releasing any government body from damage or reinstallation. Nick is the liaison between the DDA and the equipment provider/installer. John from DPW will organize the demolition.

e. Discussion took place regarding the flags along Main St.

f. Village Beautification: discussion took place with no action determined. FFA might be involved.

g. Farmer's Market: Nick is working on establishing a set time/day for the summer schedule.

h. Christmas Tree Lighting 2026: The latest version struggled with organization and the artificial trees were difficult to keep upright. Discussion took place as to if this event could fall under the Hometown Celebration Committee, who organizes the 4th of July and the Car Show. Ideas included a parade.

i. Motion to adjourn at 8:39am.