

Synopsis of Activities
Newaygo Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)
Fiscal year 2020-21

1. Progress made on development plan and tax increment finance plan goals and objectives.
 - a. Aesthetic improvements to downtown: Maintenance of landscaping beds and features.
New light pole banners.
 - b. Visual entrance to City: Removed old PSD signs.
 - c. Cultural support: Support of Museum renovation and expansion project.
 - d. Prevention of urban deterioration and encouragement of neighborhood revitalization:
Funding of crime prevention officer and related equipment and materials.
 - e. Exploration of walkability improvements: Testing of M37 lane configuration downtown
without center turn lane to make room for on-street parking on both sides of the street
for enhanced parking, walkability, and access to businesses.
 - f. Enhancement of riverfront: Funds budgeted for enhancement of riverfront trail east of
M37.
 - g. Operation of a community business center: The Stream, 1 State Rd – Business
incubation, co-working space, meeting rooms, and business skills training.
2. Projects – Completed and Active.
 - a. Completed:
 - i. New City brand and logo
 - ii. Paved several streets
 - iii. Disc golf course designed. Seven holes installed (out of 18 planned).
 - iv. Six new pickle ball courts created.
 - v. Façade and interior improvements of two downtown buildings.
 - b. Active:
 - i. Championship level disc golf course – Eleven holes yet to be completed.
 - ii. Major renovation and improvement of community baseball fields.
 - iii. Wood St properties: Medical services building under construction.
 - iv. Museum rehabilitation and expansion.
3. Events and promotional campaigns.
 - a. Collaboration with The Right Place to promote and work on ideas/projects.
 - b. Support of festivals to bring attention and focus to district.