

Elkton DDA Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Elkton Village Hall  
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton DDDowntown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:05P.M. Committee members present are: Phyllis Podlaskowski, Martin Baker, Dennis Ropp, and Christine Peyer. Excused absent are: Jeff Daniels, Terry Heck, Deb Leipprandt, Carrie Bryce, Dave Fisher, and Joe Sherwood. Guests present are: Pat McArdle.

1. Kurt contacted DTE Energy and has a contact person established to assist with our grant questions. The DTE tree grant is on hold pending the purchase of park property by the Village. Once that is complete, the grant committee will meet to draw up the map needed for tree placement and finish the grant application. The walking path grant is not due until April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Kurt says he would like an engineering firm to write that grant for the walking path. That is a DNR grant that can be used for park enhancements, such as walking path, tennis courts, trails, pavilions, playscapes, and bathrooms.
2. Insurance for the DDA is being looked at by the Village's agent, Ken Lind. The Village would have to cover the cost of the liability policy for the DDA. No quote had been returned from Ken Lind, as of yet.
3. Thumb Industry workers will be doing work in the Village starting at the end of June and continuing for 6 weeks this summer. They will work Mon.-Thurs. About 6 young adult workers and 1 coach will be present. Thumb Industries pays the wages and liability insurance. The Village DPW and Kurt have a list of items for the workers to complete. If any committee member has an item to add to the list, please contact Kurt.
4. Township and County have approved the TIF for the DDA. The deadline to exempt was May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those revenues will be starting with the 2017 taxes.

In new business, some of the activities happening in Elkton were discussed. The Ashley Leipprandt Memorial Playscape Dedication took place on Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup>. The park is getting a lot of visitors. A dog park being constructed at the north end of Ackerman Park was discussed. The water fountain in Vet's Park will be restored with the help of the Thumb Industry workers. Kim's Creamery is opening for the season on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>. It is still for sale, but will be operating for the summer. Some businesses have told Kurt they would like their store front painted. Kurt got a quote for the lift rental and will coordinate the painting. The lift rental was quoted at \$100/4 hours or \$650/7 days. New housing was also discussed. A contractor/developer would have to express interest in developing a subdivision of housing on Village property in order for a new housing area to be built due to the amount of capital needed to undertake such a large project.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00P.M.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:12P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC

