

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, October 25th, 2016
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton Downtown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:08P.M. Committee members present are: Phyllis Podlaskowski, Martin Baker, Dennis Ropp, Deb Leipprandt, and Terry Heck. Excused absent are: Jeff Daniels, Christine Peyerk, Carrie Bryce, Dave Fisher, and Joe Sherwood.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Dennis Ropp, seconded by Terry Heck. Motion passes.

1. Property Taxes are estimated to stay at current levels or may decrease in the DDA District. The assumption is that the DDA will continue to have minimal revenue to work with in the upcoming years.
2. North Main Street paving is completed. Kurt discussed the sidewalks downtown. They are in need of replacement in the next few years. North Main Street from the main intersection to the railroad tracks needs repaving. Kurt suggested a chip and seal job could be done to cut costs and make the street last longer. Discussion regarding the Township Road millage on the November ballot was held. The DDA cannot take a stance regarding the issue, but private citizens can share their opinion with others on the matter. Kurt also talked about Ropp Dr. being paved from Hoffman St. to the edge of the Civic Center. Questions on why the entire Ropp Dr. was not paved were asked. Kurt explained the Village funding for the project.
3. No one had any updates on the empty NAPA Store front.
4. Kurt stated there are no updates on the Park Expansion project. A new Village Council will be voted in November. The new Council may vote to purchase the land. At that point, the DDA could start grant applications and contact an engineering firm to help with the grants.
5. Kurt stated the MotoPlex contract with MPX Racing has been voided. The DPW will flatten the hills from the dirt bike track and level out the entire surface. It is suggested to use that space as parking for the Autumnfest Tractor Pull.
6. The water fountain in Vet's Park did not get worked on this year. It is on the top of the DDA project list for spring 2017. The Thumb Industries work crew did an excellent job with all the projects assigned to them over the summer. Kurt stated they are definitely working in the Village next summer. The DDA will compile a list of projects to add to the DPW list for summer 2017.

In new business, Kurt updated the DDA on the Huron Youth Center. The Youth Center Building is in need of a new roof. The Youth Center Board had difficulty with the budget for the roof, but have decided to spend the money for replacement of the entire flat roof of the Youth Center Building. In order to keep the Huron Youth Center operating, the Board has asked other organizations in town for assistance both monetarily and with volunteers. Kurt discussed the upcoming Halloween events. N. Main St. will be closed to traffic for Trunk or Treat, Elkton Community Club will be in the Civic Center, and the Huron Youth Center Board will have events

in the Youth Center on Halloween night. Kurt gave an update on the old Don's Barber Shop building. The new owner is renovating it for use as an Acupuncture/Therapeutic Oils office. Discussion was held on the DDA eventually being in a financial position to assist new businesses with the cost of building permits as an incentive for growth of the District. Discussion on the businesses that painted their façade over the summer was held. A thank you note will be mailed to Gary's Car Care for his newly painted façade. The five year park plan will be reviewed by the DDA at the next meeting.

Next meeting date will be **Tuesday November 22nd, 2016 at 6:00P.M.**

Motion to adjourn by Terry Heck, seconded by Martin Baker. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:14P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*Approved 11-22-16
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