

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, March 28th, 2017
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton Downtown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:00P.M. Committee members present are: Martin Baker, Deb Leipprandt, and Carrie Williams. Excused absent are: Joe Sherwood, Jeff Daniels, Christine Peyerk, Dennis Ropp, Randy Haley, Dave Fisher, and Terry Heck. Guests present are: Tim Leipprandt, Gail Brown, and Agnes Kosinski.

Motion to approve February's meeting minutes by Martin Baker, second by Deb Leipprandt. Motion passes.

In Old business, an update was given by Agnes Kosinski about the Parks and Rec DNR Grants. Agnes is currently working on the updating of the Ackerman Park map. This is one of the items needed on the checklist in order to re-submit the 5 year Parks and Rec Plan for the Village. The 5 year Plan needs to be on file with the DNR in order to apply for grants. The Parks and Rec committed will continue to give the DDA members updates, as the process progresses. Some other grant ideas were given by Kurt Damrow, such as checking with the USDA and the Michigan state historian's office. Phyllis Baranski told those present about the telephone conference with the MSU extension Impressions First Tourism Grant. The minutes from the telephone conference were distributed to the DDA. We are basically waiting for the initial visit to occur in May or June. This prompted discussion about a community wide clean up initiative. Kurt Damrow has a flatbed trailer that residents could borrow to load larger yard waste on. Tree branches or other organic debris could be piled on the trailer and Kurt would use his pickup truck to take the trailer to the lagoon area. The resident would be responsible for loading and unloading the yard waste. Also, Kurt would be willing to edge sidewalks, if the resident would shovel the sod away when he is done edging. A tentative date of April 22nd and April 23rd was set for the Town wide yard clean up days. This would coincide with Earth Day and get the town spruced up for Spring/Summer. Agnes Kosinski will contact Laker High School to ask for manpower volunteers. Perhaps the FFA or other school organizations that require service hours would be available to help rake/clean up elderly resident's homes. Also, Emterra could be contacted that refuse pick up on the following Wednesday may be heavier than normal.

In new business, the Summer Projects were set. The Water Fountain in Vet's Park needs to have the soil removed and then be evaluated for using as a fountain again this summer. Kurt is contacting the DPW to establish a timeline. The DDA will purchase the flowers for the planters in town again this summer. Discussion on where to purchase the flowers was held. The Amish greenhouse located on M-53 between Bad Axe and Cass City has wholesale flats of flowers for a reasonable price. More information is being obtained by several members to be presented at the April meeting before purchasing flowers. Agnes Kosinski told the DDA about the Parks and Rec committee's Community Calendar. The Community Calendar that they are compiling would be mailed to all township and Village residents. The Community Calendar will include May-September happenings around Elkton. The events printed on the Community Calendar will be Parks and Rec Family Weekends, Non-profit group events, church services, government meetings, and other community events.

Motion by Martin Baker, second by Deb Leipprandt to spend up to \$200 to print and mail the Community Calendar to residents. Motion passes.

Next meeting dates will be **TUESDAY April 18th, 2017 at 6:00P.M. and TUESDAY May 23rd, 2017 at 6:00P.M.**

Motion to adjourn by Kurt Damrow, second by Martin Baker. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:13P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC