

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton Downtown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:02P.M. Committee members present are: Martin Baker, Randy Haley, Deb Leipprandt, Dennis Ropp, and Carrie Williams. Excused absent are: Joe Sherwood, Jeff Daniels, Christine Peyerk, Terry Heck, and Dave Fisher. Guest present is Tim Leipprandt.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 18th meeting by Martin Baker, Second by Deb Leipprandt. Motion passes.

1. No new information regarding the DNR Grant. The Parks and Rec Committee is continuing to work on the checklist for submission to the State of MI.
2. Tourism First Impressions Grant- The Community Leadership Team list was submitted to the MSU Extension.
3. Friends of the Park Committee hosted the first event this past Saturday. The weather was rainy, so events were moved to the Huron Youth Center. The Scavenger Hunt had 5 teams participate. The Euchre Tournament, Community Potluck Dinner, and Living Truth 2 Concert all went well. The turnout was low in numbers, but the events had positive feedback from those in attendance. Randy Haley stated the ball diamonds at Ackerman Park are being used often for baseball/softball practice. Kurt offered the bleachers and concession stand from the Community Club to be moved to anyplace in the park as needed for any event.
4. Kurt Damrow ordered the fountain's water pump for Vet's Park. It should arrive within the week. Saturday morning he is digging out the dirt from the fountain with the assistance of high school students that need community service hours. Once it is dug out, he will assess the structure and perform any repairs as needed. On Friday morning, Kurt is purchasing flowers from the Amish Auction on M-53. He is taking his flatbed trailer. The flowers will be planted in the half barrels by the businesses downtown as well as various places in the park. Kurt also spoke to the Laker FFA and will be purchasing hanging baskets at a discounted price. Some of the hanging baskets will be given to the new restaurant that is being remodeled. Kurt has been edging the sidewalks on behalf of the DDA. The Lion's Club is donating money for new soil for the half barrel planters. Kurt will also be planting the barrels on Saturday morning.
5. The book exchange shelving for Ackerman Park has been place near the Playscape. It is full of books. The Interact Rotary Club has also placed a book exchange near Pavilion 1 at Ackerman Park. Both units are to encourage reading for all age levels.
6. Kurt gave an update on the Summer Rec. program. The same three employees will run the program this summer. Sign up dates have been posted on the Elkton Summer Rec Facebook page, along with all the information regarding the program.
In new business, Randy Haley gave an update regarding the possible construction of a solar farm in the Village. It is still in the research stage. The initial income from such a project looks to be substantial. Marty stated that the tax revenue would come to the DDA

since the property where it's being built is in the DDA District. At this point no solid dollar amounts are available. Kurt updated the DDA on the legislation for the taxing of wind turbines in Huron County and across the State. He is meeting with some legislatures to discuss revamping the Turbine Tax Code statewide. The State Legislature will be voting on updating some of the tax laws that may increase the Township's revenue. Kurt updated the DDA on the Community Club's Autumnfest schedule. Some of the new events that have been added are a Christian Rock Band concert at the Wesleyan Church, a Bar B Cue contest during the Car Show, and a Remote Control Air Show.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday JUNE 27th, 2017 at 6:00P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Kurt Damrow, Second by Martin Baker. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:16P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC

