

Elkton DDA Meeting
Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018
Elkton Village Hall
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Martin Baker, Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:05P.M. Members present are: Nancy Doyle, Dennis Ropp, Jeff Daniels, Carrie Williams, Deb Leipprandt, and Randy Haley . Excused absent are: David Fisher and Harrison Gunden.

A lunch was provided during the meeting by Jeff Daniels.

Motion to approve the minutes from April 25th, 2018 meeting by Nancy Doyle, second Dennis Ropp.
Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation Grant: Carrie Williams explained the grant process for the FCU Grant. Other communities have received substantial grants for their projects. The DDA could submit a grant application in the future. This grant is usually awarded to projects that are more permanent fixtures in the community and benefit all members of the community. The grants are awarded on a quarterly basis and applications can be submitted anytime.

Murals and Windows: Phyllis Baranski gave a progress report on the painting of the murals. The FCU building and the Elkton Police garage door are the only two murals to be completed with grant money. The high school art students should be completing them this week, as Senior students are close to graduation. The paint and supplies are being purchased at the Thumb Hardware. A total cost will be available upon completion of the murals.

Visitor Center and Kiosk: Randy Haley had a few ideas for displaying brochures on the exterior of the Village Hall, so that even on weekends the brochures could be seen. Carrie Williams will check with a local realtor to ask if they have a used clear acrylic brochure holder that the DDA could purchase. The brochure holder and an enclosed bulletin board display would be mounted on the exterior of the Village Hall by the DPW. Randy is checking with the DPW on the cost to build or purchase the display. He will then order the materials needed, so the invoice is here for the finalizing of the grant in June.

Old Business:

Elkton YouTube Video: Martin Baker will call a special meeting of the DDA sometime in June to meet with the videographer. The DDA can then meet to suggest what we would like included in the video.

Empty Buildings: Jeff Daniels has been unable to contact the owner of the empty NAPA building. He will continue to call the owner and see if the DDA or Village would be allowed to inspect the building and discuss future possible use of the building.

Elkton Logo: Harrison Gunden is not present to give an update on the logo. Randy suggested we use an existing elk head graphic, so as not to delay the printing of the brochures. The Elkton Area

Historical Society also wants to use the image in all their communications, so as to have a consistent brand image for Elkton. The committee agreed to use what we have for now and replace the image in the future if a better logo is presented. It was also suggested to ask the Laker Art Department in the fall if some students could draw a logo.

New Business:

Village Flowers: Discussion on the purchase and planting of the flowers for the barrels and landscaping of Village Hall. Jeff Daniels and Carrie Williams are both purchasing flowers at the Amish Auction in the near future. Both volunteered to purchase the flowers for the planters and landscaping while they are at the auction. Carrie will call the Laker FFA to price the geraniums they have left. DPW will get the barrel planters put out around town by the end of the week. There are 9 barrel planters placed on the sidewalk in the downtown. Carrie has volunteered to plant the flowers. The DDA does not have the finances to purchase the flowers, but members are contacting several local groups to donate toward the purchase. Several members expressed they would donate the flowers if need be. The DDA is in agreement the planters and landscaping should be completed soon, now that the weather is cooperating.

Next Meeting Date is To Be Determined. Martin Baker will call the special meeting to meet with the videographer regarding the YouTube video. DDA members will be contacted by email when a date is set.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Doyle, second by Randy Haley. Meeting adjourned at 12:43P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC

approved 09-26-18
Phyllis Baranski