

Elkton DDA Meeting
Wednesday, June 26th, 2019
Elkton Village Hall
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Breakfast provided at 8:00A.M. by Phyllis Baranski.

Randy Haley, Village President called the meeting to order at 8:18A.M. Members present are: David Fisher, Carrie Williams, Jeff Daniels, and Gail Schember. Excused absent are: Dennis Ropp, Deb Leipprandt, Nancy Doyle, and Harrison Gunden.

Motion Randy Haley, second Dave Fisher to accept the resignation letter of Nancy Doyle as a member, and Harrison Gunden as the chairperson, with regret. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion Randy Haley, second Carrie Williams to appoint Gretchen Roestel as a member of the DDA. Discussion. Motion carried.

Randy Haley asked for nominations or volunteers for the Chairperson position. Discussion. Carrie Williams volunteered to chair the DDA.

Motion Gail Schember, second Jeff Daniels to appoint Carrie Williams as the DDA Chairperson. Discussion. Motion carried.

Phyllis Baranski stated that Annette Cobb has verbally agreed for the DDA to purchase the former Bud's Bar Lot for \$2,000.00. The Village attorney is drafting the purchase agreement and will advise as to whether the DDA or the Village would be the owner of the property.

Motion Dave Fisher, second Randy Haley to purchase the property with the contingency of wording from the attorney and approval from Village Council at the July regular meeting. Discussion. Motion carried.

Phyllis Baranski stated the DDA sent a \$30 flower arrangement to the new restaurant, Savory Smokehouse on Whalen St. The flower barrels were planted on Memorial Day weekend by Gail Schember and Carrie Williams. Some of the flowers were purchased at the End of the Lane Greenhouse in Cass City and some of the flowers were purchased from Laker FFA. The owner of the greenhouse in Cass City offered to store the barrel planters in her greenhouse starting in the fall and plant the flowers in the greenhouse during the early spring, so they are nice and full by Memorial Day weekend. The cost would be around \$15 per barrel.

Motion Carrie Williams, second Dave Fisher to deliver the barrels to End of the Lane Greenhouse in Cass City, have her plant all the flowers, and pick up the barrels in the spring. Discussion. Motion carried.

Phyllis Baranski stated the invoice of \$226.00 for the advertising expense has been received. The expense was split between five Elkton groups for the Vacation Guide advertising and the direct mailer. Discussion.

Phyllis Baranski stated the Village is now Redevelopment Ready and is currently working with the MEDC to become eligible for grants. Tim Fritz has purchased the Rick's Graphics building and would be

interested in façade grants. Steps are being taken with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to secure grant funding.

Discussion on the empty buildings downtown and what type of business would flourish in each location.

Discussion on a walking path at Ackerman Park or around existing sidewalks. Discussion on funding for a walking path.

Discussion on best meeting days and times and how to contact everyone to remind them of meetings. Carrie Williams suggested an app notification, as well as the email reminder. All present agree that Tuesdays are a better morning to meet.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday July 23rd, 2019 at 8:00A.M.

Motion to adjourn by Carrie Williams, second by Dave Fisher. Meeting adjourned at 8:59A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC