

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, January 24th, 2017
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Kurt Damrow called the meeting of the Elkton Downtown Development Authority Committee to order at 6:04P.M. Committee members present are: Martin Baker, Dennis Ropp, Deb Leipprandt Randy Haley, Dave Fisher, and Terry Heck. Excused absent are: Jeff Daniels, Christine Peyer, and Carrie Williams. Guests present are: Tim Leipprandt and Agnes Kosinski.

Additions to the Agenda were given. Motion to accept the agenda with additions by Deb Leipprandt, second by Terry Heck.

1. No agenda item listed
2. Phyllis Baranski gave update on the Tourism First Impressions grant that was awarded to Elkton in December. The grant it through the MSU Extension Office, Port Huron. The grant amount is \$2000 reimbursable, no match required. The grant requires a Community Leadership Team (CLT). The CLT consists of Phyllis Baranski as lead contact and Randy Haley, Kurt Damrow, Martin Baker, and Carrie Williams as members. A conference call is scheduled with the MSU Extension on Friday March 3rd at 10:00a.m. The CLT will be given more information about the grant at that time.
3. Marty and Kurt are waiting for the keys of the NAPA building to be dropped off to the Village Hall, so that an inspection of the building can be completed. The owner of the building will drop the keys to the DPW office.
4. Olivet College students will be in Elkton on Saturday January 28th, 2017. The students will complete projects, paint, and clean at various locations around the County. The Civic Center, Youth Center, Laker Elementary, and the Elkton Area Historical Society will all benefit from this community service.
5. The Youth Center's roof was completed and they are financial sound at this point.
6. The water fountain at Vet's Park should be our first spring project. The DPW could get the pump parts ordered so they are here and accessible as soon as the weather breaks. It was also suggested to contact Blue Water Pools and Spas in Bad Axe for pricing of fountain pumps or kits.
7. The Village received the SAW Grant from the DEQ. It will pay for camera work on storm/sewer lines and give the DPW an IPAD for mapping the infrastructure.
8. The five year Parks and Rec Plan needs to be certified by the DNR in order to apply for all DNR Grants. The Certification/Completion of the Plan needs to be completed by March 1st.
9. The land owned by Hersel Fouladbash that is adjacent to the park has been cleared of all contamination by the DEQ. Kurt handed out the letter received by Mr. Fouladbash. The clearance gives new life to the idea of purchasing that property for park expansion. Kurt's suggestion is a three year land contract at \$5000/year or so. Randy and Marty will work up a proposal to present to Village Council for expressing the DDA interest in the land purchase and letting the community know the DEQ has closed the soil investigation.

In new business, Randy Haley and Phyllis Baranski attended the DNR grant writing meeting in Bay City on January 20th, 2017. DNR grants are due by April 1st each year. The grants could be used for land purchase, dog park, walking trails, restrooms, etc. Also, the DTE Tree Grant could be used to plant new trees within the DDA district. Kurt will contact Lonnie Schulz to decide on placement of the trees. Budgets are due to the Village soon. Marty will work on the budget and turn it in to the Finance Committee. The DDA will also be responsible for paying for our portion of the Village Audit.

Agnes Kosinski spoke as a Parks and Rec. Committee Member. She updated the DDA on the plans that committee has for events and improvements at our Village Parks. The DDA and Parks and Rec committee will be partnering for some summer events.

Next meeting date will be **MONDAY February 27th, 2017 at 6:00P.M.**

Motion to adjourn by Terry Heck, Second by Dave Fisher. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC

Approved 02-27-17