

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023
Elkton Village Hall
57 N. Main St.
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Elkton, MI 48731
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 12:02P.M. with lunch provided. Members present: Gail Schember, Todd Schneider, Tina Seley, Dennis Ropp and Dan Armbruster. Members Excused Absent: Patrick Gregory, Dave Fisher, and Deb Leipprandt.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Pocket Park Electrical
Phyllis Baranski stated the electrical outlets have not been installed. Discussion on cost and electrical contractors. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to spend up to \$2,500 on the electrical upgrades to the Pocket Park. Motion carried.
Carrie Williams will contact Zimmerman Electric.
2. Pocket Park Picnic Tables
Phyllis Baranski stated the two picnic tables are delivered and being assembled in the DPW garage. Placement of the picnic tables will take place in the spring.
3. Lions Club Scarecrow Contest
Phyllis Baranski stated the scarecrows were built and displayed but we did not win the contest. The scarecrows were disassembled and placed in storage. All the items donated by members to build the scarecrows were returned or donated to Thumb Industries.
4. Flower Pots Clean up/Planting Costs
Phyllis Baranski stated the flower pots have been returned to the greenhouse for the winter. End of the Lane Greenhouse stated that for an extra \$25/pot the flower pots could have more plantings. Discussion. The members would like to continue the flower pots at the same price as they have been and not upgrade at this time.
5. Sidewalk Whalen St. to Dollar General
Phyllis Baranski presented the members with the final invoice for the construction of the sidewalk on Whalen St. from the Wesleyan Church to the Dollar General. Discussion on the cost, convenience, and balance of the DDA fund. Motion Gail Schember, second Tina Seley to donate to the Village \$5,000 for the construction of the new sidewalk to the Dollar General.
Motion carried.
6. Table Banner Cost Approval
Phyllis Baranski stated that Vibe Up gave a quote of \$100 for the table banner. Discussion on the design and usage of the table banner. Motion Gail Schember, second Dan Armbruster to purchase the table banner from Vibe Up for a cost of \$100. Motion carried.

7. Elkton Halloween Saturday
Phyllis Baranski gave a synopsis of the event that occurred on Saturday October 28th. The downtown was full of trick or treaters and events. Members will decide on participation next fall.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report
Phyllis Baranski stated the current DDA checking balance is \$33,207.75. Discussion on the current balance and the upcoming budget. Phyllis stated the budget will be ready for DDA approval at next month's meeting.
2. Pocket Park Pet Waste Bags
Phyllis Baranski stated the Pocket Park pet waste bags need to be reordered soon. The cost is around \$80. Phyllis stated this will be a budgeted item in the annual budget to be approved next month. Discussion on the usage of the pet waste station.
3. Ackerman Park Aluminum Picnic Tables
Phyllis Baranski stated the Village and Elkton Lions Club have purchased new picnic tables that were placed in pavilion number 2. Discussion on cost and future purchases of aluminum picnic tables.
4. Elkton Christmas Weekend
Phyllis Baranski stated the Lions Club Christmas weekend is scheduled for one day only this year on Saturday December 2nd. Phyllis gave a list of ways the DDA could donate or volunteer. Discussion on the events and what the DDA has participated in past years.
Motion Gail Schember, second Tina Seley to participate in the wreath decorating contest with \$150 of gift certificates being attached to the wreath. The members agree to have Phyllis Baranski purchase six \$25 gift certificates from local Elkton businesses to be affixed to the wreath.
Motion carried.

Motion Gail Schember, second Dan Armbruster to donate \$100 in prize money to the house decorating contest. Discussion.
Motion carried.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to donate \$200 in prize money to the soup and chili cook-off contest. Discussion.
Motion carried.
5. DDA Member 3 Year Term Renewal (Williams, Schneider)
Phyllis Baranski stated Carrie Williams and Todd Schneider have terms expiring in December. Both agree to another 3 year term expiring in December 2026. Village Council will approve the terms at their next meeting.

Public Comment: Jill Buchholz stated her dog grooming business has moved to the back portion of 2 N. Main St. and the gym and tanning in the front portion should be open the first weekend of December.

Discussion on next meeting date.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Thursday December 14th, 2023 at 12:00 NOON.** Lunch will be provided.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/ Treasurer
DDA Secretary/Treasurer