

Elkton DDA Meeting
Monday, April 29th, 2024
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 12:05P.M. with lunch provided by Dan Armbruster. Members present: Dave Fisher, Todd Schneider, Dennis Ropp, Gail Schember, and Dan Armbruster. Members Excused Absent: Patrick Gregory, Tina Seley, and Deb Leipprandt.

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

Old Business:

1. Pocket Park Spring Cleanup
Phyllis Baranski stated Esch Landscaping has completed the turf care. The work crew spread bags of mulch and the DPW installed the picnic tables, as well starting up the bubbling rock for the season. The pergola will be stained this summer.
2. Kid's Art Camp 2024
Dennis Ropp had spoken to Kevin Cook, director of the art camp. Phyllis Baranski read the information provided by Kevin Cook. The art camp is one week long and the children can choose to attend either the week of August 5th -9th or August 12th - 16th. There is a limit of 36 students per week for a total of 72 students with a cost of \$75/week/student. Discussion on the DDA donating to this downtown event. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.
3. Downtown Flower Pot Care
Dave Fisher stated the flower pots need to have a schedule and assigned caretaker so they maintain their beauty all season. Discussion on volunteer person or hired person. Discussion on the flower pots' watering needs, size, type of flowers, and number and location of the flower pots. Dave Fisher volunteered to be in charge of watering the pots all season and Gail Schember, Phyllis Baranski, and Carrie Williams agreed to dead head the pots all season. A list of the location of the flower pots will be provided once the flower pots are placed for the season.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report
Phyllis Baranski stated the current DDA checking balance is around \$27,000.00. The only expense this month was DTE Energy. Discussion on the current balance.
2. Pocket Park Picnic Table Umbrellas
The members reviewed the estimate for fiberglass umbrellas from STM Industries. Discussion on umbrella color, size, strength, cost of freight, and longevity of fiberglass compared to cloth umbrellas. Motion Gail Schember, second Dan Armbruster to purchase the umbrellas from STM Industries as presented. Discussion. Motion Gail Schember, second Todd Schneider to rescind the motion on the floor. Motion carried. A new estimate for high wind umbrellas will be reviewed at the next meeting. If the cost is comparable to the regular umbrellas, the members may decide to purchase the high wind umbrellas.

3. Centennial Park Donation

Phyllis Baranski stated the family of Alfredo Santos is donating an elk statue to be placed in Centennial Park with a dedication ceremony held the weekend of Autumnfest. A memorial plaque will be placed with the statue. Phyllis Baranski asked the members to consider donating the base and landscaping for the statue. Discussion on materials, size, and plants. The members agree to wait until the statue is delivered to decide on participating with this project.

4. 2024 Event Donations

Phyllis Baranski stated the walking path in Ackerman Park needs lighting. This could be a project the DDA funds in whole or partial. Discussion on types of lighting, costs, and location of the lights. Discussion on the walking path construction and amount of use by residents. Dan Armbruster stated the Village Parks and Rec. Committee would be getting estimates on the lighting options soon. Once the final cost is approved for the lighting project the DDA members will review the costs and decide on participation with this project.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on next meeting date.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Tuesday June 4th, 2024 at 12:00 NOON.** Lunch will be provided by Todd Schneider.

Motion Dave Fisher, second Dan Armbruster to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58P.M.

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