

Elkton DDA Meeting  
Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Elkton Village Hall  
57 N. Main St.  
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 12:00Noon with lunch provided by Phyllis Baranski and Agnes Kosinski. Members present: Todd Schneider, Dennis Ropp, Gail Sember, Tina Seley, Agnes Kosinski, and Dan Armbruster. New Member Present (Pending Council Approval): Emma Heck. Excused Absent: Deb Leipprandt.

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

**Old Business:**

1. Pocket Park Picnic Table Umbrellas Installed  
Phyllis Baranski stated the umbrellas were installed in the Pocket Park. Everyone agrees they look good and are a great addition to the picnic tables.
2. Downtown Trash Receptacles Installed  
Phyllis Baranski stated the trash containers that the DDA purchases arrived assembled and were easy for the DPW to place in the downtown. Everyone agrees the new trash receptacles look good in the downtown. Phyllis Baranski stated they will have "Village of Elkton" lettering placed on them soon and asked if the DDA members would like a "Donated by the Elkton DDA" sticker placed on the trash receptacles as well. Goat's Graphics is designing the lettering and will work on the DDA sticker as well.
3. Downtown Flower Pot Care Update  
Phyllis Baranski stated the pots are being watered by Dave Fisher and are thriving this year. Everyone agrees the flower pots are beautiful in the downtown.
4. Kid's Art Camp Update  
Phyllis Baranski stated the art camp started this week and will also be next week. The downtown area has signs out for the children to cross the street between the different buildings for the camp. Discussion on the donation from the DDA and details about the art camp.
5. Walking Path Lighting Grant Writing Update  
Phyllis Baranski confirmed that the DDA would like to submit grants to the FCU Community Foundation and to the Huron County Community Foundation requesting funds for the walking path lighting project. Deadlines are August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>, respectively.
6. Music in the Park Update  
Agnes Kosinski stated the music in Vet's Park this summer has been going quite well, with just two more dates left in August. Discussion on the bands and food trucks.

**New Business:**

1. DDA Member Approval-Emma Heck

Emma Heck introduced herself to the DDA members. Motion Gail Schember, second Tina Seley to recommend to Council the appointment of Emma Heck to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Baranski reviewed how the DDA collects funds and the district outline. Phyllis Baranski stated the current balance is \$28,834.03. Phyllis Baranski reviewed the township and county deposits, as well as the bills since last meeting. Discussion on the balance.

3. Walking Path Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Phyllis Baranski stated the ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5P.M. Agnes Kosinski handed out flyers for the members to post in their businesses. Phyllis Baranski hoped DDA members could attend as the walking path is in the DDA district.

4. Centennial Park Elk Statue Ceremony

Phyllis Baranski stated the Santos family will be dedicating the statue prior to the Autumnfest parade. The Village and the Santos family are working together on the placement and footings. Discussion on the ceremony. Phyllis Baranski will let DDA members know more information when the time is confirmed for the ceremony.

5. New Project Ideas

Agnes Kosinski stated a few ideas she has been thinking about include drinking fountain/bottle filler/dog water bowl at Ackerman Park, a digital sign on M-142, and reconstruction of the Mullen St. signage that blew down. Discussion on directional signage for Ackerman Park, cost of drinking fountains, decorative lighting in the downtown with banners, and business building front improvements in the downtown. Discussion on an email group for the downtown businesses in order to share information and events in a format that is not social media. Several members will try to gather email addresses and compile a list.

Public Comment: None

Tina Seley discussed the Autumnfest and DDA participation. Discussion on ways the DDA could participate in the events. Tina Seley suggested putting together a gift basket drawing during the OTFD chicken barbecue fundraiser on Saturday of Autumnfest. Tina Seley will have donations dropped off to Village Hall that will be placed in the gift basket. The theme of the gift basket will be family friendly. Items should be dropped off to Village Hall by August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Discussion on next meeting date.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 NOON.** Lunch will be provided by Tina Seley.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:41P.M.

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