

Elkton DDA Meeting  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Elkton Village Hall  
57 N. Main St.  
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President Dan Armbruster called the meeting to order at 12:05P.M. with lunch provided by Tina Seley. Members present: Dennis Ropp, Tina Seley, Agnes Kosinski, and Emma Heck. Excused Absent: Chairman Carrie Williams, Todd Schneider, Gail Schember, and Deb Leipprandt.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Tina Seley to approve the agenda, as amended.  
Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Downtown Trash Receptacles  
Phyllis Baranski stated the Village of Elkton emblems and the "Donated by" placards have all been attached to the new receptacles at a cost of \$500. Discussion on the new trash receptacles.
2. Centennial Park Elk Statue Ceremony  
Phyllis Baranski stated the ceremony was well attended and the new elk statue looks wonderful. Landscaping around the gazebo and elk statue will be installed this fall or spring. Discussion on the elk statue.
3. Grant Award Updates  
Phyllis Baranski stated the Village of Elkton was awarded the FCU Foundation for Our Communities grant to place lighting around the walking path. The Village did not receive a grant from the Huron County Community Foundation for lighting. Discussion on the grants and walking path lighting.
4. Banner Purchase  
Phyllis Baranski stated the banner was purchased from Goat's Graphix at a cost of \$75. The banner will be used during events to either hang on a wall or put on the front of a table. Discussion on the banner.
5. Business Newsletter Update  
Agnes Kosinski discussed a business newsletter for DDA businesses and all Elkton address businesses. Discussion on the best way to communicate events and DDA information to businesses. The committee decided to put a DDA section in the Village newsletter as well as have an email newsletter to businesses. Agnes Kosinski and Phyllis Baranski will prepare the information to be distributed through these two avenues.
6. Downtown Flower Pots  
Phyllis Baranski stated the greenhouse called to say the price will increase \$10/pot in 2025. Discussion on the types of flowers and cost to make the downtown pots fuller and low maintenance. Phyllis Baranski will call End of the Lane Greenhouse to gather more information for next meeting. Phyllis Baranski also stated the Elkton DPW will pick up and return the flower pots to the greenhouse by the end of the month.

7. Autumnfest Gift Basket Update

Phyllis Baranski stated the gift basket was not completed due to time constraints. The committee agrees to plan this earlier next year to be able to have a gift basket ready for Autumnfest in 2025.

**New Business:**

1. Treasurer's Report 2024 DDA Taxes Captured

Phyllis Baranski stated the Village taxes have been transferred to the DDA. The County and Township taxes still need to be received. The current account balance is \$47,655.41. Discussion on the taxes received and budget.

2. Centennial Park Landscaping

Phyllis Baranski stated the estimates have been received from Lee's Landscaping. The Village still needs to approve the cost and design, but should have the landscaping installed around the gazebo and elk statue this fall or spring.

3. Pocket Park Winterization

Phyllis Baranski stated the Elkton DPW will once again winterize the Pocket Park at no cost to the DDA. Discussion on the Pocket Park winterization process.

4. Elkton Halloween Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-7PM

Agnes Kosinski stated the Elkton Lions Parks & Rec. will be having an event in the Pocket Park during the Saturday Halloween in the downtown. Agnes Kosinski gave ideas of how the DDA could participate in the Pocket Park. Discussion on candy, other handouts, volunteers, and location of a DDA table. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Emma Heck to authorize the purchase of Wendy's Frosty Coupons in the amount of \$125. The coupon booklets are 5/\$1, so 600 children could receive a coupon from the DDA. Discussion. Motion carried. Emma Heck has agreed to set up a DDA table in front of her salon and hand out the coupons. Tina Seley has agreed to order a "Donated by Elkton DDA" stamp from Thumb Office Supply to use on the back of the coupons.

5. Elkton Christmas Weekend Events

Agnes Kosinski stated the DDA donated towards the Elkton Christmas Weekend last year, as well as participated in the wreath decorating contest. Discussion on the Christmas events and costs, as well as how much was donated last year. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Emma Heck to donate \$500 to Elkton Lions Parks & Rec. for the Elkton Christmas Weekend. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Emma Heck to participate in the Elkton wreath decorating contest at a cost of \$150 for gift certificates to be placed on the wreath. Discussion. Motion carried.

6. Scarecrow Contest

Agnes Kosinski stated the Elkton Lions Parks & Rec. is hosting a scarecrow decorating contest. The deadline to register is today. The committee agrees not to participate this year due to limited time and lack of volunteers.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on next meeting date.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 NOON. Lunch will be provided by Emma Heck.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Dan Armbruster to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50P.M.

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