

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, September 16th, 2025
Elkton Village Hall
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President Dan Armbruster called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. with lunch provided by Todd Schneider. Members present: Emma Heck, Dennis Ropp, Todd Schneider, Agnes Kosinski, Tina Seley, Brent Salas, and Gail Schember. Excused Absent: Chairman Carrie Williams.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Gail Schember to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Downtown Fall Colors/Decor

Phyllis Baranski stated the committee started discussing fall colors in the Pocket Park at the last meeting. Agnes Kosinski stated the Lions Club Parks and Rec. Committee would not be using the Pocket Park during Halloween this year. Elkton Halloween is Saturday November 1st from 5P.M-7P.M. Agnes stated that committee would be inside the Civic Center this year. Discussion on decorating the Pocket Park for fall. Agnes Kosinski stated the scarecrow contest is being held again this year. Discussion on participating in the contest. Discussion on fall mums in the Pocket Park. Gail Schember is contacting End of the Lane Greenhouse to get prices on mums.

2. MEDC Recap from last meeting

Phyllis Baranski recapped the information from last meeting given to the DDA regarding economic growth and housing. Phyllis encouraged all members to research development strategies and the information given by the MEDC.

3. Autumnfest/Born to Be Wild Recap

Dan Armbruster stated both events went really well. The committee agrees Autumnfest was bigger and better than last year. The committee agrees Born to Be Wild was small, but still went well for the first year back.

4. HCCF Meeting at Village Hall Recap

Phyllis Baranski stated the Huron County Community Foundation used Village Hall for their meeting last week. Phyllis was asked to give a presentation regarding the construction of the Pocket Park.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Baranski stated the current balance is \$56,259.78. Discussion on this year's taxes and timeline for deposit. Discussion on the current financial state of the DDA.

2. Halloween Weekend Participation

Discussion on the mums and decorations for the Pocket Park. Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Tina Seley to spend up to \$250 for mums and scarecrows in the Pocket Park. Discussion on cost of mums from the End of the Lane Greenhouse and having DPW pick them up for the DDA.
Motion carried.

Discussion on what to hand out for the Halloween weekend on November 1st. Agnes will check with McBouv's Ice Cream shop for coupons for ice cream and if they will be open for business that late into the fall. Gail Schember volunteered to hand out the DDA Halloween coupons at the Pocket Park. The committee will decide on what to hand out at the next meeting.

Discussion on participating in the scarecrow contest hosted by the Elkton Lions Parks & Rec Committee. Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Gail Schember to spend up to \$100 on the scarecrow contest supplies.

Motion carried.

Dan Armbruster set the date for building the scarecrow as the next meeting date of Tuesday October 14th, 2025 at 12Noon. A subcommittee of Agnes, Phyllis, and Emma was established to design the scarecrow and come up with a list of supplies.

3. Christmas Weekend Participation

Discussion on the Elkton Christmas Weekend on Saturday December 6th. Discussion on last year's participation by the DDA. A donation to the house decorating contest and wreath raffle were given last year. Discussion on the amount of the donations, lighted parade participation, wreath gift cards, soup and chili cook off, lunch with Santa, and senior citizen luncheon. The committee agrees to discuss the Christmas weekend at the next meeting.

4. Upcoming Project Ideas

Discussion on Main Street sidewalk, Pocket Park upkeep, Tennis court refurbishing, Ackerman Park paving, and more downtown banners. Tina Soley agrees to work on the design for "Welcome to Elkton" banners from Thumb Office Supply.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Tuesday October 14th, 2025 at 12:00 NOON**. Lunch will be provided by Dan Armbruster.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:49P.M.

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